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HISTORY OF THE DESCENDANTS

OF

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of Alsfeld, Germany

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DEDICATION

I affectionately dedicate this genealogy to my mother,

JOSEPHINE CAROLINE (STRECKER) ASHLEY

"Saget euren kindern davon, und last es eure kinder ihren kindern sagen, und dieselbigen kinder ihren andern nachkommen."

Joel 1:3

(Tell your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation.)

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DIRECTIONS FOR THE USE OF THIS BOOK

There are two indexes - one for persons by the name of STRECKER, and the other for persons by other surnames.

The number above the name indicates the generation to which the person belongs; e.g. Werner Strecker^{3} indicates that he is of the third generation.

The number F4-14 preceeding the name of a child listed, indicates that he has received fuller treatment as head of a family in the chapter Fourth Generation, under family No. 14.

Surnames shown in brackets are maiden names; e.g. Clara (Strecker) Watkins. She was Clara Strecker prior to her marriage to Mr. Watkins.

Numbers shown in brackets; e.g. she married (2) indicates it was a second marriage.

Abbreviations:

b. born
d. died
m. married
Co. company
Res. residence
Standard abbreviations for States, months and Titles

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To those whose kindness and generosity have made this book possible, and to those who in any way have helped, I express my grateful thanks and appreciation.

It would be impossible to name each and every person who has had a part in furnishing information but I do feel that particular recognition should be given to the following persons, who have acted as key helpers on their specific family branch:

Mrs. Clara (Strecker) Watkins, who furnished data on her father's branch, Balthasar Ernst Strecker (F3-3)

Col. Werner C. Strecker, who furnished data on his grandfather's branch, Werner Strecker (F3-4)

Mrs. Amy (Strecker) Bangs, daughter and Mrs. Frances (Strecker) Jenest, grandaughter of Eduard Strecker (F3-5), who furnished data on this branch.

Mrs. Matilda (Mally) Biggs who furnished data on her mother's branch, Wilhelmine (Strecker) Mally (F3-6)

Mrs. Elise (Otterbein) Kretschmer, and her husband Erich, who furnished data on her mother's branch, Elise (Strecker) Otterbein, (F5-7), and whose diligent search of the early church documents and town archives of Alsfeld, Germany, provided the proof of the early ancestors of the Streckers now living in America.

The Name STRECKER

Surnames, the name or appellation added to the baptismal or Christian name and then becoming the Family name, originally noted occupation, estate, place of residence, or a thing or event relating to the person. We have such an interpretation of the name STRECKER.

In Dr. Karl Strecker's book, he states that the name STRECKER originated from the word "eisenstrechen" which translated means to stretch iron.

A more recent version of the origination of the name as given by the Heinrich Strecker descendants is that the early ancestors were in the glass business and it is quite possible that the name was derived from "glassstrechen" meaning glass-stretcher or blower.

CITY HALL, ALSFELD, GERMANY
1512-16

(With tower of "Walpurgiskirche" in the background, begun in 1394 and completed in 1558)

FOREWORD

> "A people which takes no pride in noble achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote descendants."
>
> Lord Macauley

In this the twentieth century we find an ever increasing interest to learn about the persons and events of the past, in the sites and places of interest, and along with this insatiable curiosity of our past comes the desire to know more of our progenitors. We become eager to know from whence our forebears came, who they were, and where they migrated to and settled. This interest in genealogy is to be highly commended.

Our Strecker ancestors are a people of whom we can be proud and a family that should not be forgotten. Therefore, I have endeavored to record the facts about our forefathers and preserve them in writing for the future generations.

All the statements contained in this genealogy are the result of personal examination of public records or are based on correspondence with members of the family. I am indeed indebted to the many individual members of the various families who have so willingly given of their time and efforts. Without their help this family history would not have been possible.

Each branch of the family has been carried down to the present generation with but a few exceptions, and the omission of these few families is not the fault of the compiler, but is to be attributed to the indifference of the members of such families.

A genealogist can not manufacture facts and must depend upon members of each family when gathering information for a genealogy.

The German spelling of the Christian names has been carried down through the third generation and all succeeding generations carry the American translation of such Christian names, except for the branch still living in Germany.

To assure accuracy in any future revisions of this book, I shall greatly appreciate any errors and/or additions being called to my attention by writing to me at Rogers, Arkansas, RFD #5, Box 44.

I am thankful that it has been my privilege to gather from the fast crumbling records of the past, this record in the form of a genealogy and history of a family whose ancestors have left a record worthy of imitation by their descendants.

Esther Ashley Sparks

Rogers, Arkansas
1 June 1955

CHAPTER I

Origin of the Strecker Family

The Strecker family covered in this book has been traced as far back as the late 1700's to the town of Alsfeld, State of Hessen, Germany. Since the early records of this part of Germany are excellent and fortunately have remained comparatively intact through the ravages of many wars, it is felt that there is much to be learned about the earlier generations of this family. To do this, however, would require many hours of "on the spot" research and since the writer is unable to continue this search of the early German records, Johann Konrad Strecker (circa 1775) is being considered the founder of the Strecker family covered in this genealogy, and thus he is being called Generation I, his children Generation II, and succeeding generations numbered accordingly.

The writer has been most fortunate to recently learn of a family history covering "Heinrich Strecker" and his descendants prepared from the writings and letters of Dr. Karl Strecker, compiled by Wilhelm Strecker and printed by a son of Carl Gerold. This book was published in 1896, printed in German, and the only known copy of the book in America is now in the possession of Edmund J. Strecker of Kansas City, Missouri.

An article appearing in the Appendix of the above mentioned book prepared by George D. Strecker (F4-2) stated that his great grandfather, Johann Konrad Strecker was born in Hessen-Kassel, Germany as was his great, great grandfather (name not given). Since this information was received just as this genealogy was going to press, no search has been made of the records of Kassel but it is entirely possible that such a search would establish the early progenitors of this family. It is possible that Johann Konrad Strecker and his

family stem from the branch of Streckers originally located in Eschwege, Germany which is located only a short distance of about 25 miles from Kassel. The family history printed in 1896 does not follow the Eschweger Streckers beyond 1614-1660 at which time it was thought that Andreas, son of the elder George, and possibly George, the younger son of the elder Marcus moved to Eschwege. In this bit of information lies a challenge to the descendants of Johann Konrad Strecker to search for his parentage and ancestors.

The origin of the German race is unknown. Long before the birth of Christ, wandering tribes roamed the heavy forests of Germany. No one knew where they came from or to what people they belonged. For lack of a name that would identify them more accurately, they were known as barbarians, no doubt because of their ruthless methods of agressive warfare. Historians describe them as giants in size, with fierce blue eyes and blonde or ruddy hair. They are said to have had many desirable qualities; hospitable, dependable lovers of freedom and self-expression. They despised restraint and practiced pure family association. They are said to be of the same race of people as those now inhabiting all of northern Europe and the British Isles, however, intermixed with them are people of other tribes and groups, such as the Assyrians, and the Huns, some of whom attached themselves to the Teutons in their wanderings or came as invaders of their land in the formative period of its history.

Diligence, perserverance and high intellect are but a few of the traits of the German people throughout the centuries. This nation has often been called a "people of thinkers". Organized schools have long been in effect and in 1548 the first German University was founded. The striving for scientific knowledge is expressed in great scholars like the mathematicians Nicholas von Cuss, and Georg Peurbach and the astronomer Regiomontanus. (1456-1476).

Real supremacy of German music dates from the 18th century for at that time began the careers of Bach and Handel. They were followed by other great artists such as Wagner, Straus, Chopin, Beethoven and many others.

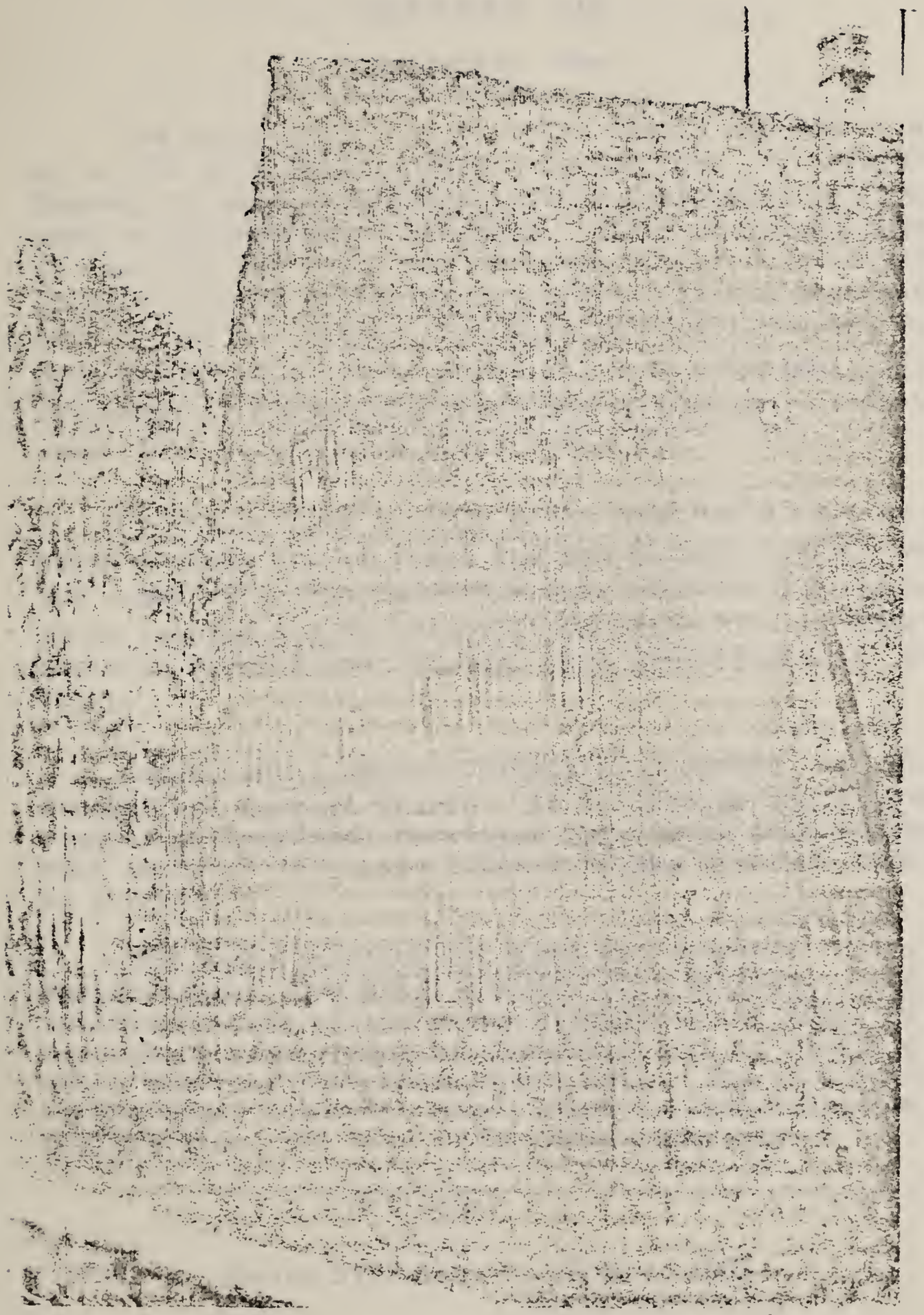
The writer will not attempt to follow the German dynasty through the years other than to bring out that the part of Germany from which the Streckers came was originally Prussia and at the time we first pick up the family in the late 1700's Francis II ruled (1792-1806). Between the end of the "Holy Roman Empire" (1806) and the begining of the new German Empire (1871), there was The Fall of the German Confederation (1815-1866) and the North German Confederation (1867-1871).

It was during this period of 1806 to 1871 when William I took over the rule of Germany that four Strecker children of the third generation emmigrated to America.

The stature of the early members of this family was one of strong physique, medium height and robust. They were fair complexioned with blonde hair and blue eyes, but occasionally appeared one with bright red hair. Their facial characteristic was that of a prominent nose, which has been passed down to many of our present day Streckers. Pictures of the early generations of this family are nonexistant, but every effort has been made to obtain pictures of the third generation.

The predominance of business men, professional men, and tradesmen in this family, rather than being tillers of the soil, emphasizes their keen business acumen. The early migration of Streckers to the United States was instigated by many causes: that of opposition to compulsory military training in Germany, the disapproval of their father's third marriage and the inherent dislike for their stepmother; and perhaps the lust for adventure and hope for a brighter future in the new country across the waters.

Though of German descent the emigrants and their descendants became loyal and patriotic citizens of their adopted country. In the crisis of war they have been ever ready to support the freedom of their country; in peace they have been actively identified in the civil, ecclesiastical and educational movements of their respective communities.



STRECKER HOUSE
Alsfeld, Germany

CHAPTER II

Generation One

The heritage of the Strecker family has been traced to the late 18th century. In the town of Alsfeld, Hessen, in western Germany lived a clothmaker by the name of Johann Konrad Strecker. It is not known when or where he was born, but he lived all of his adult life in Alsfeld following his trade. It has been said that he and his father were born in Kassel-Hessen, Germany but no proof of this has yet been obtained. Calculating his birth date from that of his son, it is assumed that he was born circa 1775-1780.

He was married to Anna Marie Keck and they are known to have had at least one son (listed below) who was named after his Godfather (his mother's brother). It is interesting to note that the name "George Dietrich" has been carried down through five generations of the family.

Johann was a devout Christian, a member of the Evangelical Luthern Church. It is through the church records of baptisms, marriages and deaths that we were able to trace the early history of the Strecker family in Alsfeld.

The house in which he lived and operated his woolen-draper shop still stands. The stately old building boasts of being the birthplace and home of succeeding generations of Streckers born in Alsfeld until the year 1897 when it was sold. The picture of the house (opposite page) taken in 1948 indicates neglect since the days of Strecker ownership.

Children:

F2-1 i. Georg Dietrich, b. 19 Nov. 1802

Auszug aus dem Taufregister

der evangelischen Kirchengemeinde Alsfeld Oberhessen

Jahrgang 1802 Seite 32 Nr. 20

Alle für die Abstammung wichtigen Angaben, die in dem vorbezeichneten Eintrag enthalten sind, müssen wiedergegeben werden; auf andere Einträge darf jedoch zur Ausfüllung nicht zurückgegriffen werden.

Täufling:

Familienname: Strecker

Vornamen: Georg Dietrich

geb. am: 19. Nov. 1802 zu: Alsfeld

get. am: 20. Nov. 1802 zu: Alsfeld

Eltern:

Vater:
Zu- und Vornamen: Strecker, Johann Konrad

Stand, Beruf: Tuchmachergeselle

Wohnort: Alsfeld Religion: ev

Mutter:
Geburts- und Vornamen: Keck, Anna Marie

Religion: ev

Sonstige für die Abstammung wichtige Angaben:
z. B. Angaben über den Erzeuger eines unehelichen Kindes, über Paten, die als Verwandte des Täuflings erkennbar sind, usw.

Paten: Georg Dietrich Keck

Alsfeld, den 15. Mai 1950

Tgb.-Nr.

(Siegel)

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Evang. Pfarramt:

Alsfeld

Dekan

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SECOND GENERATION

2-1 GEORG DIETRICH STRECKER[2] (Johann Konrad[1]) son of Johann Konrad and Anna Marie (Keck) Strecker was born at Alsfeld, Germany, 19 November 1802. An abstract of his Baptismal Record from the Evangelical Luthern Church of Alsfeld, Oberhessen, Germany is shown on the opposite page.

He married (1) on 10 May 1829 Wilhelmine Zoger, daughter of Justus and Katharina Elisabetha (Wieder) Zoger, a clothmaker in Alsfeld. She was born in 1800, place unknown, and died on 1 November 1833 in Alsfeld, where she is buried.

He married (2) on 6 April 1834 Gertraud Grundberger, born 18 December 1812 and died on the 13 November 1853 at Alsfeld, daughter of Balthasar and Elisabetha (Grein) Grundberger, also a clothmaker in Alsfeld.

He married (3) on 31 March 1857 Eva Elisabetha Eimer, daughter of Peter and Katharina (Nagel) Eimer, Peter, her father, was the town musician in Alsfeld. She was born 15 October 1807 at Romrod County of Alsfeld, and died 20 October 1871 after being completely paralized the last three years of her life. There were no children born to this 3rd marriage.

Georg Dietrich Strecker attended elementary school at Alsfeld and then learned the trade of clothmaker like his father. In later years he was cashier and bookkeeper for the Evangelical Parish of Alsfeld. In addition he kept an Inn and did some farming.

On 1 August 1873 having attained the age of 70 years, 8 months and 13 days, he died and is

buried in Alsfeld, Germany, where he had spent all of his life.

Children:

By 1st Wife:

F3-1 i. Konrad, b. 25 Aug. 1829
ii. Heinrich, b. 16 April 1832
d. 19 April 1832
F3-2 iii. Kraft Ernst, b. 23 Oct. 1833

By 2nd Wife:

F3-3 iv. Balthasar Ernst, b. 14 Jan. 1835
F3-4 v. Werner, b. 26 February 1837
F3-5 vi. Eduard, b. 18 Dec. 1840
F3-6 vii. Wilhelmine, b. 8 Oct. 1845
F3-7 viii. Elise, b. 6 June 1849

Balthasar Ernst Strecker
(F3-3)

3-1 KONRAD STRECKER[3] (George Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Georg Dietrich and Wilhelmine (Zoger) Strecker was born at Alsfeld, Germany, 25 August 1829, and baptized 6 September 1829.

Little is known about Konrad Strecker before he emigrated to the United States in 1854. He spent but a few months in America before his death at Troy, New York on 20 September 1854. He was unmarried.

3-2 KRAFT ERNST STRECKER[3] (Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Georg Dietrich and Wilhelmine (Zoger) Strecker, was born at Alsfeld, Germany 23 October 1833, and baptized 30 October 1833 with Kraft Weber as his Godfather

There is no record of his marriage or death in the Alsfeld Town Archives and it is possible that he too may have migrated to the United States. To date there is no proof of this; neither do we know if he married nor had children.

3-3 BALTHASAR ERNST STRECKER[3] (Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Georg Dietrich and Gertraud (Grundberger) Strecker, was born 14 January 1835 at Alsfeld, Germany. He was baptized in the Evangelical Luthern Church on 1 February 1835 with Balthasar Grundberger, his grandfather, acting as his Godfather.

In 1857 at the age of 22, he followed his brother Werner to the United States. But he did not stay in the East where his brother had settled but struck out for the middle west to Will County Illinois where his mother's brother owned a farm.

Though a comparative new-comer in America, when the Civil War broke out, he was one of the first to

enlist from Chicago with the Grand Army of the Republic, serving with the 13th Illinois Cavalry which was sent to Arkansas to capture Morgan and his raiders that were coming up from the South destroying farms, killing women and children and taking all livestock and grain. It took this special Army one year and seven months to stop them.

Ernst Strecker, the name which he used, having dropped the Balthasar when coming to America, then returned home and was on the Reserve list. At a later date he was recalled by President Lincoln, but due to a decisive battle before they started, he did not actually serve the second time.

War Record (State Archives, Springfield, Ill.)
Unit: Company C, 13th Cavalry Regiment of Ill. Vol.
Rank: Private
Age: 27 years Height: 5'4" Hair: Brown
Eyes: Blue Complexion: Healthy
Marital Status: Single
Occupation: Farmer
Joined for Service and enrolled: Oct. 21, 1861 for three years at Chicago, Ill. by Lt. Col. Hartman
Mustered into Service: Dec. 31, 1861 at Camp Douglas by Capt. Brackett
Residence: Monee, Will County, Illinois

Upon his return from Arkansas he married in June of 1863 at Monee, Illinois, Louisa Boehl, born 11 February 1842 in Germany, daughter of Christian and Fredericka (_____) Boehl. After their marriage they moved to a farm near Germantown, Wisconsin where she died on the 22 July 1891.

From his war record we learn that Ernst was not a tall man but this did not detract from his being a very energetic and resourceful individual. While the record says "brown hair" his daughter tells me that it was a reddish brown and that his beard was quite red. The

Strecker "red hair" has cropped up most often in his descendants, which may partly be attributed to the fact that his wife Louisa had dark red hair, a few freckles on her nose and hazel eyes that could turn green if she were angry, and she was beautiful.

After the death of his wife, Ernst Strecker removed from Germantown, Wisconsin to Chicago, Illinois taking his family with him, and there engaged in the contracting business.

He died 30 March 1906 in Chicago, Illinois and is buried beside his wife in Montrose Cemetery in Chicago, Lot 163, Section 15.

Children:

F4-1 i. Edward, b. 24 April 1864
F4-2 ii. George Dietrich, b. 22 May 1866
F4-3 iii. Henry, b. 15 May 1869
F4-4 iv. Clara, b. 21 April 1871
F4-5 v. Ernst, b. 30 June 1873
F4-6 vi. Louise Edith, b. 19 April 1875
F4-7 vii. Annette, b. 23 February 1877
F4-8 viii. Benjamin, b. 29 March 1880

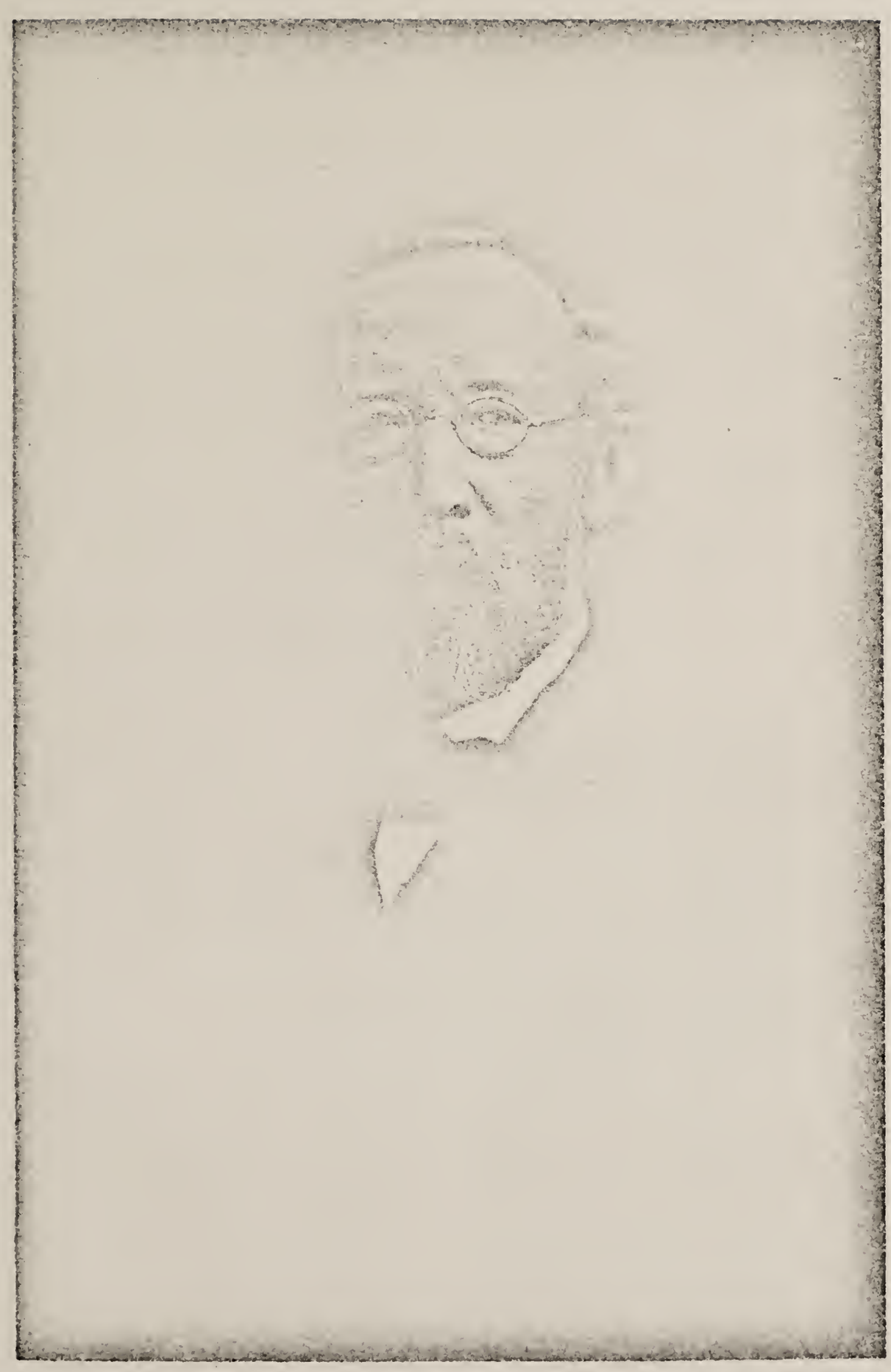
3-4 WERNER STRECKER[3] (Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of George Dietrich and Gertraud (Grundberger) Strecker, was born at Alsfeld, Germany 26 February 1837, and was baptized 19 March 1837 with Werner Weber, a ropemaker in Alsfeld, acting as his Godfather.

He attended schools in Germany and then worked in the court and for a lawyer named Vogt. However, the wander-lust drove him across the sea and he came to America on May 8, 1854, after having dismissed his Hessian nationality. It is assumed that the two brothers, Werner and Konrad, came to this country together as the records show the same year emigration.

Werner was very active in the Masonic Lodge, being initiated in Apollo Lodge #13 F. and A. M. in Troy; served as Worshipful Master in 1883; Past Grand Sword Bearer of Grand Lodge, State of New York; Past District Deputy Grand Master, Rensselaer, Schenectady District, New York; and was a member of Apollo Chapter #48 R.A.M. at the time of his death. Served as secretary and president of the German Republican Club, and secretary of the Troy Turn-Verein and the German Club.

On 14 January 1861 he married Sophia Walburg Kirchner, born 12 January 1842. She came to the United States in 1844 from Hilders, Bavaria with her parents Lorenzo Kirchner and wife. They ran a well-known business selling shoes.

What better history of this member of the Strecker family can be written than that given in the following obituary, translated from the German Newspaper, "Troy Free Press", Troy, New York dated September 29, 1923.



Werner Strecker
(F3-4)

OBITUARY

Werner Strecker Dead

"The German American colony of this city and its environment has suffered a grievous loss. Mr. Werner Strecker, the old dignified veteran of the German American Bourgoisie, died Sunday night (23 Sept. 1923) after a short suffering, in the apartment of his daughter, 817 River Street.

Thousands, one may safely say, hundreds of thousands have known Werner Strecker and have respected him because of his virtues. For more than half a century, he was active in the German life of this city and at all times, devoted his ability and knowledge to the best of his community. His advice and influence were always respected and followed and on many occasions, he received awards.

Mr. Strecker was born February 26, 1837 in Alsfeld, Hessen. In his early life, he came to America, i.e., to Troy where he learned to be a barber. In 1860 he became a citizen of the U.S.A. and voted for Abraham Lincoln of which he was very proud. He was a Republican all of his life. In 1861 he married a daughter of Lorenzo Kirchner. The marriage was extremely happy and was severed only a few years ago by the death of his wife. From this marriage there are two daughters, Miss Pauline Strecker and Mrs. J. Belmore, two sons, the well known pharmacist Mr. Lorenzo Strecker and Edward Strecker, cashier of the Union National Bank and several grandchildren. To them our deepest sympathy.

The deceased has had a very busy life. He left Troy in 1865 the night Lincoln was murdered. He bought a farm near Egg Harbor, New Jersey. He stayed there one or two years, then moved to Boston, Mass., devoted his time to calisthenics and became speaker of their prominent association. He always cherished his memories in Boston. In 1872 he moved from Boston to Greenfield, Mass. where he operated a grocery store. In 1874 he returned to Troy which definitely became his second home. When he arrived there, he founded a German school in the

Apollo Hall which was quite famous at that time and which school he supervised successfully for a number of years assisted by his daughter, Mrs. Bayer who has since died. He became a fire insurance agent, working as such until several years ago. His activities, in addition to the calisthenics, were in the Halleverein, the German Club and the Frosch Club. In later years he joined the C.V.V. and became an honorary member of the Troy men's choir. Everyone remembers these activities of his and all agree that wherever he was active, he was very efficient.

He has a monument even among non-german circles, i.e. in the heart of his Shrine members. He was an active and probably one of the most useful members of Masonry. He was a very much sought after speaker for introductions, banquets, etc., and many of his friends regret their loss.

As already mentioned he always was a Republican. The party awarded him the post of deputy controller under the coalition cabinet of Mayor Conway and the way he handled this position brought him much renown.

Wednesday P.M. they buried the mortal remains of Werner Strecker in the Oakwood Cemetery where he was honored by the Masons as the last tribute.

Many delegations of German Associations were present at the funeral and many floral tributes were presented. Our community has suffered a deep loss because of his death. Requiescat in peace."

Children:

F4-9 i. Wilhelmine, b. 12 Nov. 1862
F4-10 ii. Lorenzo, b. 11 September 1864
F4-11 iii. Edward Fitzgerald, b. 28 Feb. 1867
F4-12 iv. Bertha Louise, b. 18 Nov. 1868
F4-13 v. Pauline Elise Leonora, b. 17 Sept. 1872

Eduard Strecker
(F3-5)

3-5 EDWARD STRECKER[3] (Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Georg Dietrich and Gertraud (Grundberger) Strecker, was born at Alsfeld, Germany, 18 December 1840 and was baptized 1 January 1841 with Kraft Weber acting as his Godfather.

Edward (the spelling used after his arrival in America) was the fourth son to come to the United States, arriving in the year 1858. He spent the first ten years in Troy, New York, where he was engaged in the cigar business. From Troy he moved to Greenfield, Mass., and here he owned and operated his own cigar factory until 1898, at which time he became associated with his son, Edward Werner, in the Charles H. Field Manufacturing Company, makers of baby carriage parts.

He was one of the oldest members of Pocumtuck Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having joined in 1871. He held many offices in the lodge including Past Grand and treasurer, and in later years was presented with a gold headed cane in recognition of his faithful service in the lodge.

He also was a member of the Green River Encampment, and belonged to the St. James Episcopal Church where many of his descendants are today still active in this church. He was an ardent reader of history and the classics; Dickens, Thackeray, etc., and was deeply interested in and took active part in public and civic matters. It is still remembered by his friends, that for forty-six years he never missed voting at the Town Hall until his last illness prevented his attending the fall election in 1913, always being a staunch Democrat.

On 3 October 1867 he was married in Troy

Josephine Caroline Witman, born 10 April 1846 at Troy, New York, daughter of John Witman (b. 16 May 1817 at Wilflingen, Hohenzollern, Heghengen, Germany, d. 12 Mar. 1865 at Troy, N.Y.) and his wife Caroline A. Miller (b. 19 March 1826 in Germany, d. 26 Nov. 1914 at Troy) Mrs. Strecker survived her husband only three years as she died on 6 December 1916 at Greenfield, Mass.

Edward Strecker died 2 December 1913 at Greenfield, Mass., after a lingering illness. He and his wife are buried in Green River Cemetery, Greenfield, Mass.

Children:

	i.	Louise, b. 6 August 1868, died the same day at Greenfield, Mass.
F4-14	ii.	Clarence, b. 5 July 1869
F4-15	iii.	Edward Werner, b. 5 March 1871
F4-16	iv.	Frederick William, b. 28 Oct. 1872
F4-17	v.	Charles Henry, b. 3 June 1874
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F4-19	vii.	Amy, b. 9 May 1878
F4-20	viii.	John George, b. 24 Jan. 1880
F4-21	ix.	Clara Louise, b. 10 Nov. 1881
F4-22	x.	Josephine Caroline, b. 25 Nov. 1883
F4-23	xi.	Elizabeth Florence, b. 6 Feb. 1887

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Greenfield, Massachusetts

3-6 WILHELMINE STRECKER[3] (Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of Georg Dietrich and Gertraud (Grundberger) Strecker, was born 8 October 1845 at Alsfeld, Germany, baptized 26 October 1845 with Wilhelmine Weber, oldest daughter of the ropemaker Kraft Weber, acting as Godmother.

Because of disfavor of her father's third marriage, Wilhelmine (often called Mina) followed her brothers to the United States, arriving in 1864. She stayed with her brother Werner in Troy the first four years, In Boston she met her future husband Frederick Christian Mally, born 23 March 1842 in northern Germany.

Mr. Mally removed to San Francisco, California in 1868 where he followed the shoemaker trade until 1898. After he was located in the West, Wilhelmine followed him to California where they were married at San Francisco on 9 August 1868.

After 1898 they owned and managed the very prosperous Mally Hotel in Livermore, California. Following her husband's death the 17th of May, 1914, Mrs. Strecker continued to operate the hotel until her death on 3 February 1918. Both Wilhelmine and her husband are buried in the Masonic Cemetery, Livermore, California.

"Mina" was a strong and forceful woman greatly admired and loved by all that knew her. Her courage was tested soon after moving to the western frontier when she experienced the severe earthquake of 1868 in San Francisco.

Children: (surname-MALLY)

F4-24 i. Matilda, b. 15 May 1869
F4-25 ii. George Werner, b. 25 February 1872
F4-26 iii. Frederick Mathew, b. 19 April 1877
F4-27 iv. William Albert, b. 30 December 1878
F4-28 v. Clarence Bernard, b. 17 July 1886

Wilhelmine (Strecker) Mally
(F 3-6)

Elise (Strecker) Otterbein
(F3-7)

Friedrich Otterbein

3-7 ELISE STRECKER[3] (Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) youngest daughter of Georg Dietrich and Gertraud (Grundberger) Strecker, was born at Alsfeld, Germany on 6 June 1849, baptized on the 24th of June 1849 with Elisabetha Weber, wife of the ropemaker Kraft Weber as Godmother.

It is unfortunate that Elise was unable to come to Americal to join her brothers and sister. However, when her brother Werner visited in Germany in 1864 and wished to bring her back to the United States with him, her father would not give his consent. Therefore, Elise remained with her parents in Alsfeld and due to the illness of her stepmother, she ran the household and nursed her stepmother who was completely paralized the last years of her life.

After the death of her father and stepmother Elise was married on 15 May 1873 at Alsfeld, Germany to Friedrich Otterbein, born 5 April 1848 at Oberohmen, Hessen, Germany, son of Johannes and Susanne (Lang) Otterbein. Johannes Otterbein emigrated to the United States leaving his family in Germany and was not heard from again. It is assumed that he died somewhere in the United States.

Elise and her husband continued to live in the Strecker house (see picture Chapter II) in Alsfeld and Friedrich did farming. In 1897 they sold the house and it is assumed they moved to Frankfurt am Main shortly thereafter since this is where they are known to have spent their last days and where they are buried. They were members of the Evangelical Luthern Church.

Elise died on 14 August 1921 at Frankfurt on Main and is buried in the Central Cemetery there.

Friedrich Otterbein died the preceding year on 9 June 1920 and is also buried in the Central Cemetery in Frankfurt on Main, Germany.

Children: (surname-OTTERBEIN)

F4-29 i. Lina, b. 23 Oct. 1873
F4-30 ii. Emilie, b. 17 Feb.1875
F4-31 iii. Antonie, b. 22 Sept. 1877
F4-32 iv. Marie, b. 10 Jan. 1880
F4-33 v. Heinrich, b. 19 Dec. 1882
F4-34 vi. Mathilde, b. 13 Jan. 1887
F4-35 vii. Elise, b. 22 May 1895

FOURTH GENERATION

4-1 EDWARD STRECKER[4] (Balthasar Ernst[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) oldest son of Balthasar Ernst and Louisa (Boehl) Strecker was born 24 April 1864, at Chicago, Ill., died at Chicago on 7 November 1918, and is buried in Montrose Cemetery, Chicago, Ill.

Edward operated a Grocery Store in Chicago until his death, which was located at 1732 Wilmot Ave. About 1897 he married Mabel Sorenson (parents unknown). After his death she remarried.

Children:

i. Edward M., b. 1 September 1908 at Chicago d. 12 January 1909 and is buried in Montrose Cemetery, Chicago, Ill.

F5-1 ii. Alice (LaVerne), b.

F5-2 iii. Edna, b.

4-2 GEORGE DIETRICH STRECKER[4] (Balthasar Ernst[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Balthasar Ernst and Louisa (Boehl) Strecker, born 22 May 1866 at Mauston, Wisconsin.

For many years he was Buyer and head of the cut glass section of Burley's China Company in Chicago, Ill., He was a past master of the D.C. Cregier Chapter of the Masonic Order.

On 3 March 1897 he married Lydia Matilda Clark, born 11 April 1871 at Chicago, daughter of Scott and Jane (Roberts) Clark, died 20 July 1948 at Chicago. She was a member of the Rose Croix Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

George Dietrich died 20 September 1916, Chicago

leaving 5 young children to be raised by his wife. Both he and his wife are buried in the Montrose Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois.

Children:

F5-3 i. George Dietrich, b. 1 Dec. 1897
F5-4 ii. Frank Ernst Burley, b. 12 March 1900
iii. Ethel Jane Louise, b. 1902 d. 1904
F5-5 iv. Inez Lydia, b. 9 April 1906
F5-6 v. Werner Clark, b 2 May 1908

4-3 HENRY STRECKER[4] (Balthasar Ernst[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Balthasar Ernst and Louisa (Boehl) Strecker, born 15 May 1869 at Chicago, Ill. died 7 July 1944 at Hines Hospital, in Chicago and is buried in Montrose Cemetery, Chicago, Ill.

He served in the Spanish American War as Private in Company A, 161st Regiment, Indiana Volunteers enrolling for duty on the 27th day of June 1898 under Capt. Olds at Hammond, Indiana. He was mustered into the military service of the United States at Indianapolis, Ind., on the 11th day of July 1898 for a term of two years, by Lt. Waterman, mustering officer.

The military record of the Adjutant General's Office now on file in the Indiana State Library states that he had blue eyes, sandy hair, light complexion, was 5 feet 8 inches in height, and was a Grocer from Moon, Illinois.

He was mustered out of service at Savannah, Georgia on 30 April 1899. Due to injuries suffered during his enlistment, the balance of his life was spent in the Soldiers Home at Wood, Wisconsin.

Henry Strecker was never married.

4-4 CLARA STRECKER[4] (Balthasar Ernst[3]. Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of Balthasar Ernst and Louisa (Boehl) Strecker, born 21 April 1871 at Chicago, Illinois.

Clara, being the oldest daughter, kept house for her father after the death of her mother, and her two maiden sisters always made their home with her. She is a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

The writer owes a debt of gratitude to Clara for her untiring efforts in helping to secure the data on her branch of the Strecker family.

On 16 October 1898 she married Walter Merritt Watkins, son of John and Elizabeth (Watkins) Watkins, (first cousins), born 30 March 1868 at Morris, Illinois and died 14 November 1948 at Oak Park, Ill. He is buried in the Acacia Cemetery, Chicago, Ill.

Mr. Watkins is of Welsh descent and his father was one of three brothers. He was employed by the Boston Store, Chicago, Ill., as a Maintenance Engineer for many, many years, finally retiring in 1948 at the age of 30. His son Walter (F5-7) has more information on the Watkins family history.

Res: (1955) 829 Wenonah Ave., Oak Park, Ill.

Children: (surname-WATKINS)

F5-7 i. Walter Merritt, b. 20 August 1899
F5-8 ii. Gertrude, b. 13 January 1901
F5-9 iii. Ada, b. 1 July 1903
F5-10 iv. John Ernest, b. 8 May 1904
F5-11 v. Raymond Warren, b. 24 August 1906
F5-12 vi. Laura Louise, b. 3 November 1908
F5-13 vii. Norman Benjamin, b. 9 June 1910

4-5 ERNST STRECKER[4] (Balthasar Ernst[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Balthasar Ernst and Louisa (Boehl) Strecker, born 30 June 1873, Chicago, Ill. died 28 June 1933, Chicago, Illinois and is buried in Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery there.

Ernst was a salesman and in later years went into the real estate business. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

In 1900 he was married by an Episcopal Minister to Hattie Quinn, daughter of John and Miranda (Knapp) Quinn, born 1 February 1864 at Sycamore, Ill. and died 8 July 1948 at Chicago, Ill. She is buried beside her husband in Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, Chicago, Ill.

No Children

4-6 LOUISE EDITH STRECKER[4] (Balthasar Ernst[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of Balthasar Ernst and Louisa (Boehl) Strecker, born 19 April 1875 at Germantown, Wisconsin, died 17 January 1929 at Oak Park, Illinois and is buried in Montrose Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois

Louise never married but followed the career of Color Presswoman at Rand McNally's until her retirement. She had the reputation of being outstanding in this field. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

4-7 ANNETTE STRECKER[4] (Balthasar Ernst[3]. Georg Dietrich[2] Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of Balthasar Ernst and Louisa (Boehl) Strecker, born 23 February 1877, at Germantown, Wisconsin, died 18 September 1945, at Oak Park, Ill. is buried in Montrose Cemetery.

Annette was a buyer with Carson Pirie Scott Store until 1937 when she retired. She was never married and both Louise and Annette made their home with their older sister Clara. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

4-8 BENJAMIN STRECKER[4] (Balthasar Ernst[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Balthasar Ernst and Louisa (Boehl) Strecker, born 29 March 1880, Germantown, Wisconsin, died 5 March 1945, San Mateo, California, buried in Cypress Lawn Cemetery, Burlingame, Calif.

His youth was spent in Chicago where he was educated and worked. When a young man in his twenties he moved to California where he was employed by the Swift and Company, and at the time of his death his position was that of Assistant Credit Manager.

About 1906 or 1907 he married Mrs. Belle (Dodd) _____, daughter of Frank Dodd who was born in England. She was born 3 June 1867 at Warren, Illinois, died 9 September 1931 at Mills Memorial Hospital in San Mateo, California, and is buried in Cypress Lawn Cemetery, Burlingame, California.

No Children

4-9 WILHELMINE STRECKER[4] (Werner[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of Werner and Sophia Walburg (Kirchner) Strecker, born 18 November 1862, at Troy, New York, died 26 August 1919 and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Troy, New York. (Sec.B #187)

On 7 June 1893 she married William Frederick Bayer, born 28 May 1858 at Troy, N.Y., died 14 September 1934, buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Troy, N.Y., son of Thomas and Regina (_____) Bayer. W. F. Bayer was associated with the lumber business from the time of his youth. Forty years prior to his death, he went into partnership with Alonza McConike, establishing the firm 'Bayer and McConike Company', of which he became president and General Manager.

Children: (surname-BAYER)

F5-14 i. Pauline, b. 19 May 1894
F5-15 ii. Helen, b. 26 May 1898

4-10 LORENZO STRECKER[4] (Werner[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Werner and Sophia Walburg (Kirchner) Strecker, born 11 September 1864 at Troy, New York, died 10 December 1943 and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Troy, New York.

Lorenzo (or Lawrence as he was later called) learned the druggist trade and worked both in Troy and Gloversville, N.Y. He then entered business for himself operating a drug store at 19 Hoosick Street until 1926 when he retired. However, he soon returned to work accepting a position with Donnely and Hanna's Pharmacy where he remained until his death.

He became a Master Mason in Apollo Lodge #13, F. & A.M., Troy, N.Y. in 1886 and took the following degrees in Johnstown Chapter #78, Johnstown, N.Y.: Mark Master, March 14, 1895; Past Master March 28, 1895; Most Excellent Master March 28 1895; Royal Arch May 23, 1895. He took the following degrees in Holy Cross Commandery #51, Troy, N.Y.: Knight of the R.C. April 26, 1897; Knight Templar May 10, 1897; Knight of Malta May 10, 1897. He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Troy and for many years was captain of the Esek Bussey Volunteer Fire Company of Troy, and was active afterward in the Exempt Fireman's Association of the State of New York.

On 8 Ocotber 1891 he married Jennie (Jane S.) Campbell, born 22 July 1866, died 21 December 1931, daughter of John H. and Mary (Wallace) Campbell. The cemetery records list her name as Jane S. but the family remember her name as Jennie.

Children:

F5-16 i. Werner Campbell, b. 31 July 1895

4-11 EDWARD FITZGERALD STRECKER[4] (Werner[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Werner and Sophia Walburg (Kirchner) Strecker, born 28 February 1867, at Boston, Mass., died 9 May 1938 at Troy, New York where he is buried.

He followed the Banking profession and at the time of his death was Chairman of the Board of the Union National Bank, Troy, New York. He was a member of the Troy Club, Pafreats Dael and Troy Citizens Corporation, and was Treasurer of the Troy Lodge of Elks. Politically he was a Republican and was a member of the Baptist Church.

In June 1889 at Troy he married Alta Viola Greene born 4 April 1868 at Troy, N.Y. died Feb. 1943, and is buried in the Oakwood Cemetery in Troy. She was the daughter of William Duane and Martha Maron (Main) Greene, and a direct descendant of a Revolutionary War soldier, _____ Greene. At the time of this writing more information was not available on the early history of the Greene family.

Children:

F5-17 i. Ralph Duane, b. 30 Sept. 1890

ii. Agnes Elise, b. 10 Nov. 1894 at Troy, N.Y., died 1930 and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Troy, N.Y.

4-12 BERTHA LOUISE STRECKER[4] (Werner[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of Werner and Sophia Walburg (Kirchner) Strecker, born 18 November 1868, at Boston, Mass., died 9 January 1928 at Troy, N.Y. where she is buried in the Oakwood Cemetery.

On 26 June 1900 she married John Irving Belmore, born 1 September 1869 at Schaghticoke, Rensselaer County, N.Y., son of Robert Belmore (b. in Glasgow, Scotland) and his wife Eliza McBride (born in Belfast, Ireland). Mr. Belmore

was a master mechanic on the railroad until 1911 and since then he has followed the contracting business. He resides (1950) at Amityville, Long Island, N.Y.

No Children

4-13 PAULINE ELISE LEONORA STRECKER[4] (Werner[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of Werner and Sophia Walburg (Kirchner) Strecker, born 17 September 1872, at Greenfield, Mass., died 9 September 1937 at Troy, N.Y. and is buried in the Oakwood Cemetery there.

She was never married. Pauline was associated with her father in the Insurance business for many years. She was a member of the St. James Episcopal Church of Troy and the last years of her life were spent in the Episcopal Church Home in Troy, where she died.

4-14 CLARENCE STRECKER[4] (Edward[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Edward and Josephine Caroline (Witman) Strecker, born 5 July 1869 at Greenfield, Mass., died 24 March 1943 at Greenfield, where he is buried in the Green River Cemetery.

He studied at the New York College of Pharmacy, New York City and served as an apprentice in Orange and Amherst. He started with Lowell and Fiske in 1888 in Greenfield, Mass. and later purchased Lowell's interest. The store then became known as Fiske and Strecker, which name it bears today.

He was a Junior Warden of the St. James Episcopal Church, a director of the Greenfield Savings Bank, and a member of all bodies of the Republican Lodge of Masons, Greenfield, Mass.

On 10 September 1907 at Greenfield, Mass., he married Sibyle Edna Shepard born 10 April 1882 at Turners Falls, Mass., daughter of Henry Charles and Mary Emma (Ethridge) Shepard. She resides (1954) 43 Woodleigh Ave., Greenfield, Mass.

Children:

F5-18 i. Mary Louise, b. 28 June 1908
F5-19 ii. Clarence Shepard, b. 2 Sept. 1912
F5-20 iii. Henry Charles, b. 26 Oct. 1921

4-15 EDWARD WERNER STRECKER[4] (Edward[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Edward and Josephine Caroline (Witman) Strecker, born 5 March 1871 at Greenfield, Mass., died 24 April 1949 at Montague, Mass., and is buried in Green River Cemetery in Greenfield, Mass.

When a young man he learned the watchmaking and jewelers trade at Hollisters in Greenfield but later went into business with his father manufacturing baby carriage parts for Charles R. Field Manufacturing Co. When the wicker baby carriages became obsolete the factory was abandoned and he followed the trade of machinist until the time of his death. He was a member of the St. James Episcopal Church.

About 1894 he married (1) Nannette Straight of New York State whom he later divorced. On the 28th of November 1912 he married (2) Mrs. Mabel Adella (Wood) Severance DeRocher, born 7 June 1871 at Deerfield, Mass., daughter of Charles Denison Wood (b. 20 June 1838, d. 6 Dec. 1900) and Tirzah Jane Trask (b. 24 March 1842, d. 23 May 1911).

Mabel Adella Wood was married (1) to William Lyman Severance on July 3, 1901, son of William S. and Martha (Lyman) Severance. He died in 1904. She married (2) George DeRocher on 17 November 1907. She was a member of the Dorothy Quincy

Hancock Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Greenfield, Mass., (#233402) as a descendant of Peter Wood (b. 23 June 1740, died 5 March 1820) who served in the Revolutionary Army. She resides (1955) at Montague, Mass.

No Children

4-16 FREDERICK WILLIAM STRECKER[4] (Edward[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Edward and Josephine Caroline (Witman) Strecker, born 28 October 1872 at Greenfield, Mass. died 4 December 1932 at Greenfield, Mass., where he is buried in the Green River Cemetery.

He was educated in the public schools of Greenfield and when about 17 entered the employ of the Wiley and Russell Manufacturing Co. He remained with that concern until its consolidation with the Greenfield Tap and Die Corporation several years ago, when he was made Works Manager of the entire factory. The last six years preceding his death he was Works Manager and Salesman for the New England District. He was a member of the Republican Lodge of Masons and of the St. James Episcopal Church, Greenfield.

On 16 June 1903 at Corning, N.Y. he married Lydie Julienne Bernard born 12 July 1881 at Corning, daughter of Joseph E. and Julienne (Gobiet) Bernard. After the death of Frederick Strecker she married (2) on 27 June 1941 at Greenfield, Mass. as his second wife, Dr. Frank Albertus Millet, born 29 September 1878 at Charlestown, Mass. There were no children from her second marriage. They reside (1954) at 40 High St., Greenfield, Mass.

Children:

F5-21 i. Lydie Gobiet, b. 6 August 1910
F5-22 ii. Margaret Heloise, b. 28 Feb. 1922

4-17 CHARLES HENRY STRECKER[4] (Edward[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Edward and Josephine Caroline (Witman) Strecker, born 3 June 1874 at Greenfield, Mass.

On 10 October 1895 he enlisted in the United States Army at New York City and was assigned to Troop C, First Regiment of Cavalry. He was stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas from 26 October 1895 until the time of his death on 23 June 1896 at the post hospital, Fort Riley, Kansas as a result of an accident while swiming in the Republican River. He is buried in Green River Cemetery, at Greenfield, Mass. He was a member of the St. James Episcopal Church. Unmarried.

4-18 ARTHUR STRECKER[4] (Edward[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Edward and Josephine Caroline (Witman) Strecker, born 2 April 1876 at Greenfield Mass.

He was educated at Albany College of Pharmacy and until his retirement was a druggist. He is a member of the St. James Episopal Church, Greenfield, and a charter member of the Northampton, Mass. Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

On 23 April 1907 he married Fanny Belle Miller, born 22 March 1877 at Colrain, Mass., and died 2 May 1936 at Greenfield, Mass., buried in the Green River Cemetery. She was the daughter of James Milo Miller (b. 12 Aug. 1839, d. 26 July 1893) and Sarah Jane Bell (b. 6 Jan. 1843, d. 15 Feb. 1895) and a direct descendant of the Bell and Coolidge families, a third cousin of the late Ex-President Calvin Coolidge, and a direct descendant of the Revolutionary War soldier Major Hezekiah Smith.

Res: (1954) 104 Silver St., Greenfield, Mass.

Children:

F5-23 i. Edward Whitman, b. 21 May 1908
F5-24 ii. Frances Miller, b. 3 May 1915

4-19 AMY STRECKER[4] (Edward[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of Edward and Josephine Caroline (Witman) Strecker, born 9 May 1878 at Greenfield Mass.

After two years at North Adams Teachers College she taught continuously until her retirement in 1948 having taught 43 years in the Greenfield Public School System. She served as the Principal of the Green River Grade School the last 28 years of her teaching.

On 2 March 1918 she married Charles Tisdale Bangs, born 20 April 1875 Greenfield, Mass. died 15 September 1929 at Greenfield where he is buried in the Federal Street Cemetery. He was the son of Frank and Elmina (Tisdale) Bangs. Charles (often called 'Tommie') was Postmaster in Greenfield until the time of his death, was a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and a member of the Sportman's Club, having been an outstanding athlete in his youth.

There were no children from this marriage. However, Amy adopted on 2 April 1915, Evelyn Louise Causebrook, daughter of her sister Clara (F4-21).

Res: (1955) Weldon Hotel, Greenfield, Mass.

4-20 JOHN GEORGE STRECKER[4] (Edward[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Edward and Josephine Caroline (Witman) Strecker, born 24 January 1880 at Greenfield, Mass.

John was associated with the Charles Field Manufacturing Co., in Greenfield, serving as Manager and President, and is presently employed by the Greenfield Tap and Die Co. He is a member of the St. James Episcopal Church, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Republican Lodge of Masons, Greenfield, Mass.

On 2 October 1921 he married Mrs. Doris M. (Fiske) Farr, born 15 April 1888 at Gardner, Mass. died 27 December 1950 at Greenfield and is buried in the Green River Cemetery. She was the daughter of Moses P. and Mary (Ballantine) Fiske. Her 1st husband was Ralph Farr by whom she had one son also named Ralph, who was killed during World War II.

Res: (1954) Greenfield, Mass.

No children

4-21 CLARA LOUISE STRECKER[4] (Edward[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of Edward and Josephine Caroline (Witman) Strecker, born 10 November 1881 at Greenfield, Mass., died 28 July 1912 at Cloudcroft, New Mexico, and is buried in the Evergreen Cemetery, El Paso, Texas, Dau. of the King Plot.

She was educated at the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston and was an accomplished pianist, organist and vocalist. She taught vocal and instrument lessons before her marriage.

On 26 August 1911 she married Henry Fitzgerald Causebrook at El Paso, Texas. He was born 31 August 1882, Island Pond, Vt., died 1 February 1943 at Springfield, Mass. and is buried in the Federal Street Cemetery, Greenfield, Mass. He was the son of William and Evelyn (Fitzgerald) Causebrook. He graduated from Norwich University and attended Mass. Institute of Technology, was a member of the Island Pond Masonic Lodge and at the time of his death was employed as Mechanical Engineer by Millers Falls Co. After the death of Clara Strecker, he married (2) Katherine White.

Children: (surname-CAUSEBROOK)

i. Evelyn Louise, b. 26 May 1912, El Paso, Texas d. 21 July 1940 at Haydenville, Mass. and is buried in Green River Cemetery, Greenfield, Mass. Adopted by Amy Strecker (F4-19) after her mother's death.

4-22 JOSEPHINE CAROLINE STRECKER[4] (Edward[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of Edward and Josephine Caroline (Witman) Strecker, born 29 November 1883 at Greenfield, Mass. (see note below)

She was educated in the public schools of Greenfield. After moving to Grand Forks, N. Dak. she was a charter member of the Entre Nous (study club) belonged to the Music Club, member of the St. Pauls Episcopal Church. She is a Past Worthy Matron of Acacia Chapter #12, Order of Eastern Star, and served twice as District Deputy of the Grand Chapter in the State of North Dakota.

On 25 December 1905 she married Sanford Harris Ashley, born 13 December 1880 at Milton, Vt., died 13 January 1941 at Chicago, Ill, and is buried in Milton, Vt. He was the son of Charles Sanford and Cora Isabel (Harris) Ashley and a direct descendant of Enoch Ashley on his paternal line and of Col. Oliver Root on his maternal line both of whom served during the Revolutionary War. He was a graduate of Norwich University, Northfield, Vt. with a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering in 1900, member of Alpha Chapter (charter chapter) of Theta Chi Fraternity, and a member of the following Masonic Lodges:

Seneca Lodge #40 F. & A.M., Milton, Vt.
Acacia Lodge #4, A.F. & A.M. Grand Forks, N.D.
Master of the Royal Secret of the 32nd Degree of Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite
A Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Kem Temple

In January 1907 Sanford and Josephine moved to Grand Forks, N. Dak. where they purchased the McDonalds Undertaking Business. Mr. Ashley was very active in civic affairs and at one time owned extensive property in this area. The present home of Mrs. Ashley is an early landmark being one of the first buildings erected by W.C. Nash

(Note: Family Biblo shows Nov. 25 which is in error)

who located there in 1863. The first postoffice was established in 1873 on this farm and was known as Nashville until 1883 when the name was changed to East Grand Forks.

Res: (1955) 1002 Highway No. 2, East Grand Forks, Minn.

Children: (surname-ASHLEY)

F5-25 i. Ruth Isabel, b. 20 December 1911
F5-26 ii. Esther May, b. 26 April 1914

4-23 ELIZABETH FLORENCE STRECKER[4] (Edward[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of Edward and Josephine Caroline (Witman) Strecker, born 6 February 1887 at Greenfield, Mass.

She is a graduate of Wellesly College, Class of 1910. After completing her education she taught school in the East, in Montana, and in 1917 took a graduate course at the University of California, Berkley, Calif. and obtained a teacher's certificate to teach in the State of California.

On 19 (18) January 1919 she married in San Francisco, Calif. to Francis Grover Littlefield born 30 July 1875(6) supposedly in Santa Cruz, Cal. died 15 April 1950 at Lakeport, Calif. and is buried in Chapel of the Chimes, Santa Rosa, Calif. He was the son of Francis Perkins and Lucinda Hadassa (Grover) Littlefield formerly of Maine.

Res: (1950) California

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Children: (surname-LITTLEFIELD)

F5-27 i. John David, b. 24 March 1923 (adopted)

4-24 MATILDA MALLY[4] (Wilhelmine Strecker[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of Frederick Christian and Wilhelmine (Strecker) Mally, born 15 May 1869 at Dublin, California.

Most of her life has been spent in Livermore Calif., where she was chiefly responsible for the operation of the Mally Hotel after the death of her parents. She has a keen mind and was an outstanding businesswoman in the early 1900's when it was a rarity to find women competing with men in the business world.

The writer is deeply grateful to 'Tillie' as she is known to her friends, for her great assistance in collecting data on her branch of the family. When the writer visited her in 1951 though she was 82 years of age, her retentative mind enabled her to recite dates of important family happenings without reference to any records. A finer lady would be hard to find.

On 18 October 1898 she married Walter Hicks Birgs, born 17 April 1862 in Santa Clara County, Calif. Soon after their marriage he went to Alaska to prospect for gold and was never heard from again. It is believed that he died about 1923 in Alaska.

Res: (1954) 1139 W. First St., Livermore, Calif.

No Children

4-25 GEORGE WERNER MALLY[4] (Wilhelmine Strecker[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Frederick Christian and Wilhelmine (Strecker) Mally, born 25 February 1872 at Livermore, Calif., died 5 May 1912 at Livermore and is buried in the Masonic Cemetery there. He was educated at Oakland, California and followed the trade of Pharmist. Unmarried.

4-26 FREDERICK MATHEW MALLY[4] (Wilhelmine Strecker[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Frederick Christian and Wilhelmine (Strecker) Mally, born 19 April 1877 at Livermore, Calif., died 21 April 1939 at Livermore, Calif. and is buried in the Masonic Cemetery there.

On about 1915 he married Ella Maude _____ and it is believed that she was still living in 1951 but no other information about her was obtainable. Frederick assisted his parents in the operation of the hotel.

No Children

4-27 WILLIAM ALBERT MALLY[4] (Wilhelmine Strecker[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Frederick Christian and Wilhelmine (Strecker) Mally, born 30 December , 1878 at Livermore, Calif., died 25 June 1917 at Livermore and is buried in the Masonic Cemetery there. Associated with the Mally Hotel. Unmarried.

4-28 CLARENCE BERNARD MALLY[4] (Wilhelmine Strecker[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Frederick Christian and Wilhelmine (Strecker) Mally, born 17 July 1886 at Livermore, Calif.

He served approx. 12 months in World War I as Mess Sergeant, stationed at San Diego, Calif. Until his retirement was active together with his sister Matilda in the operation of the Mally Hotel, located in Livermore. He is a Protestant and a supporter of the Republican party.

On 13 October 1920 in Oakland, Calif. he married Mrs. Blanche Jane (Morton) _____, born 12 Oct. 1888 at Red Bluff, Calif., died 2 October 1947 at Livermore, and is buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery. She was the daughter of James and Ida Belle (Bridges) Morton. She had a daughter Frances by her 1st marriage who is now Mrs. Guy M. Root, 18380 Magie Way, Castro Valley, Calif.

Res: (1954) Livermore, Calif.

Children: (surname-MALLY)

F5-28 1. Jane Elizabeth, b. 12 October 1923

4-29 LINA OTTERBEIN[4] (Elise Strecker[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of Friedrich and Elise (Strecker) Otterbein, born 23 October 1873, at Alsfeld, Germany, died 30 June 1942 at Frankfurt on the Main, Germany. Unmarried.

4-30 EMILIE OTTERBEIN[4] (Elise Strecker[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of Friedrich and Elise (Strecker) Otterbein, born 17 February 1875 at Alsfeld, Germany, died in 1953 at Wansbeck, Germany

She was married to Jean Heller.

4-31 ANTONIE OTTERBEIN[4] (Elise Strecker[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of Friedrich and Elise (Strecker) Otterbein, born 22 September 1877 at Alsfeld, Germany, died 12 June 1939 at Alsfeld, Germany.

In later life she married Karl Marten. There were no children from this marriage.

4-32 MARIE OTTERBEIN[4] (Elise Strecker[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of Friedrich and Elise (Strecker) Otterbein, born 10 January 1880 at Alsfeld, Germany.

She married Jean Kloes.
Res: (1954) Neu Isenburg, Germany

4-33 HEINRICH OTTERBEIN[4] (Elise Strecker[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Friedrich and Elise (Strecker) Otterbein, born 19 December 1882 at Alsfeld, Germany, died 7 January 1952 at Frankfurt on the Main, Germany.

On 21 September 1912 he was married to Frida Stiefel.

4-34 MATHILDE OTTERBEIN[4] (Elise Strecker[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of Friedrich and Elise (Strecker) Otterbein, born 13 January 1887 at Alsfeld, Germany, died 27 February 1918 at Frankfurt on the Main, Germany. Unmarried.

4-35 ELISE OTTERBEIN[4] (Elise Strecker[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of Friedrich and Elise (Strecker) Otterbein, born 22 May 1895 at Alsfeld, Germany.

On 14 July 1918 at Frankfurt/Main, Germany she married Erich Kretschmer, born 19 October 1892 at Berlin, Germany, son of Otto and Clara (Schein) Kretschmer. Elise and Erich made their home in Eastern Germany where they owned a seven room home with a large garden. During World War II the house was destroyed, together with all their books, papers and other valuable possessions and the family escaped from the Eastern Zone just before the Russian Occupation, returning to the village of Altenburg, a short distance from Alsfeld.

Erich is a trained bookkeeping clerk but during the war he lost his position and has since held various positions. Late in 1950 Erich and Elise and their two younger children moved to Frankfurt/Main where Erich is presently employed at the Rhein Main Air Base, 61st Air Base Group.

Like the early members of the family, Elise and her husband and children are all members of the Evangelical Luthern Church.

Throughout these trying times of post-war rehabilitation, having suffered the loss of their oldest son in the War and the loss of their home and possessions, including their life savings,

Elise and Erich have generously given of their time to search the early archives of Alsfeld to furnish the writer the early history of the Strecker family before its migration to the United States. I am indeed grateful for their great help and willingness in securing these important data.

Res: (1955) Frankfurt on the Main - Bonames
Seulbergerstrasse 8
U.S. Zone, Germany

Children: (surname-KRETSCHMER)

F5-29 i. Werner, b. 29 Dec. 1919
F5-30 ii. Margot, b. 4 Jan. 1921
iii. Clara, b. 11 July 1927 at Waldshut-Baden, Germany d. 23 July 1928 at Basel, Switzerland.
F5-31 iv. Ellen, b. 26 August 1934
F5-32 v. Horst, b. 6 July 1936.

5-1 ALICE STRECKER[5] (Edward[4], Balthasar Ernst[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of Edward and Mabel (Sorenson) Strecker. No information is available other than it has been said that she changed her Christian name to LaVerne and that she is married to Robert Flikinger.

Res: (1954) 5416 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Children: (surname-FLIKINGER)

i. Marilyn, b. (Approx. 1938)

5-2 EDNA STRECKER[5] (Edward[4], Balthasar Ernst[3]. Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of Edward and Mabel (Sorenson) Strecker. She married Tom Howe.

Res: (1954) 5416 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill.

No Children

5-3 GEORGE DIETRICH STRECKER[5] (George Dietrich[4], Balthasar Ernst[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of George Dietrich and Lydia Matilda (Clark) Strecker, born 1 December 1897 at Chicago, Ill.

He is a graduate of the School of Commerce, Northwestern University and is employed by the U.S. Treasury Dept. as an Internal Revenue Agent. He spent 61 days with the U.S. Student Army Training Corps at DePaul University and served in World War I. He is an active member of the American Legion Advertising Men's Post #38, of Old Glory #975 A.F.& A.M., Chicago, and of Alpha Kappa Psi, professional fraternity.

On 15 November 1930 at Chicago, Ill. he married Marguerite Janet Steventon, daughter of John and Nellie Eugene (Ocoboch) Steventon. She was born 14 December 1894 at Chicago, Ill.

Res: (1954) 671 Prairie Ave., Glen Ellyn, Ill.

No Children

5-4 FRANK ERNST BURLEY STRECKER[5] (George Dietrich[4], Balthasar Ernst[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of George Dietrich and Lydia Matilda (Clark) Strecker, born 12 March 1900 at Chicago, Ill.

When not quite 18 years old he served in the U.S. Navy, World War I, from 30 January 1918 until his discharge on 24 February 1919. He is employed by Libby McNeil Co. and is one of their outstanding meat cookers.

On 10 July 1920 in Chicago, Ill. he married Elizabeth Scherer. born 27 January 1902 at Chicago, daughter of John and Barbara (Maas) Scherer.

Res: (1954) 3308 N. Claremont Ave. Chicago 18, Ill.

Children:

F6-2 i. Betty Jeanne, b. 11 Sept. 1924
F6-3 ii. Frank Ernst Burley Jr. b. 22 Nov. 1926
F6-4 iii. Doris Louise, b. 3 April 1930

5-5 INEZ LYDIA STRECKER[5] (George Dietrich[4], Balthasar Ernst[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of George Dietrich and Lydia Matilda (Clark) Strecker, born 9 April 1906 at Chicago, Ill.

She attended public schools, Lyons Township High School and Carl Schurz Night School. For sixteen years she was employed as a Commercial printer by the Holland Press Inc. and is a member of the Rose Croix Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Chicago, Ill.

On 17 October 1931 she married Carl Joseph Hairgrove, son of Ira Joseph and Ada Grace (Bacon) Hairgrove, born 16 January 1907 at Dubuque, Iowa. He is a Yard Foreman at the Alexander Lumber Co. and a member of the Royal Order of Moose #1012, Glen Ellyn, Ill. Ira Joseph Hairgrove is a mem-

ber of the Glen Ellyn Masonic Lodge.

Res: (1954) 730 Euclid Ave., Glen Ellyn, Ill.

Children: (surname-HAIRGROVE)

i. Carl Jacques, b. 18 June 1939
ii. Philip George, b. 13 March 1941
iii. Linda Jane, b. 3 March 1943

5-6 WERNER CLARK STRECKER[5] (George Dietrich[4], Balthasar Ernst[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of George Dietrich and Lydia Matilda (Clark) Strecker born 2 May 1908 at Chicago, Ill.

He is married to Victoria Dumbas and is employed in Chicago, Ill.

Res: (1954) 1705 W. Diversy Blvd, Chicago 14, Ill.

Children:

i. Elaine

5-7 WALTER MERRITT WATKINS[5] (Clara Strecker[4], Balthasar Ernst[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Walter Merritt and Clara (Strecker) Watkins, born 20 August 1899 at Chicago, Ill.

He is a graduate of the School of Commerce at Northwestern University, and is now Assistant Traffic Manager in the Western Union Telegraph Co., Chicago, Ill. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge.

On 9 June 1923 in Oak Park, Ill. he married (1) Clara Schafer, born 12 July 1897 at Chicago, Ill. died 30 January 1925 at Chicago and is buried in Acacia Park Cemetery there. She was the daughter of Charles and Bertha (Schmidt) Schafer.

Walter married (2) on 30 November 1933 at Chicago, Ill. Marion Shields, daughter of Thomas and Ann(Parsons) Shields, born 9 April 1899 at Pewaukee, Wisconsin. She was formerly employed by the Western Union as a time-keeper until 1936.

Res: (1955) 1924 Ontario St., Oak Park, Ill.

Children: (surname-WATKINS)
(by second marriage)

F6-9 i. William Merritt III, b. 25 January 1937

5-8 GERTRUDE WATKINS[5] (Clara Strecker[4], Balthasar Ernst[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of Walter Merritt and Clara (Strecker) Watkins, born 13 January 1901 at Chicago, Illinois.

After graduating from High School she attended business college and has followed the occupation of bookkeeper. She is presently employed as such by a milling company in Westville, Oklahoma.

In 1922 at Oak Park, Illinois she was married (1) to Earl Allen who was born in Chicago, Ill. and died on a farm near Denver, Colorado. There was one child born from this union.

In 1929 at Chicago, Illinois Gertrude married (2) Richard Franz, born 4 October 1904 at Chicago, Illinois. He was employed by the Chicago Motor Coach Co. for many years and at present owns and operates a farm near Westville, Oklahoma.

Res: (1954) Westville, Oklahoma

Children: (surname-ALLEN)

F6-10 i. Robert, b. 4 October 1924

5-9 ADA WATKINS[5] (Clara Strecker[4], Balthasar Ernst[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of Walter Merritt and Clara (Strecker) Watkins born 1 July 1903 at Chicago, Illinois.

After completing her high school education, she attended business college and has spent many years in the business world doing general office work.

On 22 November 1922 at Chicago, Ill. she married (1) Louis Stricker, born 2 February 1894 and accidentally killed in Wisconsin during the twenties. Divorced. On 14 September 1935 at Chicago, Ill. she married (2) Fred Washington Moxey, born 24 February 1882, Brighton, Ill., died 30 March 1954 at Yorkfield, Ill., son of Henry and Mary (Simmons) Moxey. He had four children from a previous marriage. He was a member of the Elmhurst Lodge #941, A.F. & A.M.; DuPage Commandery #88; Franklin Chapter #8, R.A.M. of Alton, Ill.; and Elmhurst Lodge #1531 B.P.O.E.

Res: (1954) 1090 S. York St., Yorkfield, Ill.

Children: (surname-STRICKER)

F6-11 i. Elizabeth Lynette, b. 4 Aug. 1923

5-10 JOHN ERNEST WATKINS[5] (Clara Strecker[4], Balthasar Ernst[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Walter Merritt and Clara (Strecker) Watkins, born 8 May 1904 at Chicago, Ill.

He attended the New York City Engineering College and at present is Assistant Automatic Chief of the Western Union Telegraph Co. in New York City. In his early years with the company he had the reputation of being the fastest operator of the Morse System in the country. He served approximately two years in the U.S. Navy during World War I.

He married (1) Elba _____ and was divorced

shortly thereafter. He married (2) Janie Virginia Tanner at Atlanta, Georgia, daughter of _____ and Anna Louise (____) Tanner. Her early years were spent at Stone Mountain, Georgia and later she moved to Atlanta, Georgia where she was employed by the Western Union Telegraph Co.

Res: (1954) 9059 204th St., Hollis, N.Y.

Children: (surname-WATKINS)
(By second marriage)

i. Clara, b. 26 September 1942
ii. John Ernest Jr., b. 15 August 1944

5-11 RAYMOND WARREN WATKINS[5] (Clara Strecker[4], Balthasar Ernst[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Walter Merritt and Clara (Strecker) Watkins, born 24 August 1906 at Chicago, Ill.

Attended Northwestern University, Evanston, served as First Lieutenant in the Transportaion Corps, 3rd Army, U.S.A., in World War II, is a member of the Masonic Lodge and is presently employed as Traveling Auditor for the Western Union Telegraph Co. Chicago.

On 26 September 1932 at Oak Park, Ill. he married Vivian Ann Hraysa, born 25 February 1909 at Chicago, Ill., daughter of Gustav Adolph Ferdinand and Anna (Kostka) Hraysa. She obtained a B.A. degree from the Chicago Musical College and at this time is employed as National Director of Youth Activity for the Modern Woodmen of America.

Res: (1954) 1632 18th Ave., Rock Island, Ill.

No Children

5-12 LAURA LOUISE WATKINS[5] (Clara Strecker[4], Balthsar Ernst[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of Walter Merritt and Clara (Strecker) Watkins born 3 November 1908 at Chicago, Ill.

She obtained a B.E. degree from Pestalozzi Froebel Teachers College, Chicago, Ill. and has done graduate work at DePaul University and at Columbia University. She has always followed the teaching profession and has taught in the public schools of Cicero, Ill. for several years. Unmarried.

Res: (1954) 829 Wenonah Ave., Oak Park, Ill.

5-13 NORMAN BENJAMIN WATKINS[5] (Clara Strecker[4], Balthasar Ernst[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Walter Merritt and Clara (Strecker) Watkins born 9 June 1910 at Chicago, Ill.

Educated at Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Ill. and is presently employed as Maintenance Foreman at Hales and Hunter, Chicago.

On 13 June 1931 at Waukegan, Ill., he married Dorothy Sholen, born 28 December 1910, at Oak Park, Ill., daughter of John and Jennie (Johnson) Sholen.

Res: (1954) Oak Park, Ill.

Children: (surname-WATKINS)

i. John, b. 27 July, 1941, Oak Park, Ill.
ii. Norman, b. 19 Oct. 1944, Oak Park, Ill.
iii. Diane, b. 9 Nov. 1948, Oak Park, Ill.

5-14 PAULINE BAYER[5] (Wilhelmine Strecker[4], Werner[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of William Frederick and Wilhelmine (Strecker) Bayer born 19 May 1894 at Troy, N.Y.

Attended the public schools in Troy, N.Y. and graduated from Troy Conservatory of Music in June 1914. Unmarried.

Res: (1954) 459 Pawling Ave., Troy, N.Y.

5-15 HELEN BAYER[5] (Wilhelmine Strecker[4], Werner[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of William Frederick and Wilhelmine (Strecker) Bayer born 26 May 1898 at Troy, N.Y.

Attended public schools in Troy, N.Y. and had two years at Russell Sage College (1917-18). Unmarried.

Res: (1954) 459 Pawling Ave., Troy, N.Y.

5-16 WERNER CAMPBELL STRECKER[5] (Lorenzo[4], Werner[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Lorenzo and Jennie (Campbell) Strecker, born 31 July 1895, at Gloversville, N.Y.

Graduated in 1916 from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, taking Civil Engineering, and worked for the State Engineer, State of New York. Enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1918, served overseas with 29th Engineers as Corporal, honorably discharged in 1919. Then employed as Civil Engineer for General Electric Co., loaned to Canadian G.E. Co. at Peterboro, Ontario, Canada and then transferred to the G.E. Realty Corporation.

Having accepted a reserve commission in the U.S. Army in 1925, he was called to active duty as Captain with the Civilian Conservation Corps in

1933; commanded Co. 211, Deposit, N.Y. until 1935 when he was assigned as Assistant District Executive Officer of the Madison Barracks, (NY) CCC District; in 1936 became Sub District Commander of a CCC subdistrict of 12 camps; three years later reassigned as Assistant District Executive Officer at Schenectady, N.Y. District Headquarters. Relieved from active duty in Sept. 1939 but continued with CCC in a civilian capacity until recalled to active duty with the Construction Division of the Army in December 1940. Served as Assistant Constructing Quartermaster and Area Engineer at different points in the midwest.

In April 1943 he was transferred to the Intelligence Division, Headquarters Army Service Forces in Washington, D.C. until relieved of active duty in 1946. Was promoted to rank of Major in 1941, to Lt. Colonel in 1943, and to Colonel in 1945. Was awarded the Legion of Merit in 1945 for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. Retains active commission as Colonel of Engineers in the Reserve Corps. He entered the government service in 1946 as an Engineer with the War Assets Administration in the management of surplus property where he is still engaged.

He joined Apollo Lodge #13 F. & A.M., Troy, N.Y., Apr. 1920; St. George's Chapt. #157, R.A.M. June 1925, St. George's Council #74 R. & S.M. on Apr. 1926 and retians those affiliations.

On 3 April 1920 at Palmyra, N. Y. he married Charlotte Aldrich Marshall, born 5 June 1897 at Palmyra, daughter of Clarence A. and Ida Lydia (Aldrich) Marshall.

Res: (1954) 502 Woodland Terrace, Alexandria, Va.

Children:

F6-17 i. Ruth Marshall, b. 26 Feb. 1921

5-17 RALPH DUANE STRECKER[5] (Edward[4], Werner[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Edward and Alta Viola (Greene) Strecker, born 30 September 1890 at Troy, N.Y.

He is a building contractor, a Republican and an ardent Baptist.

On 14 October 1914 at Providence, R.I., he married Ethel Allen Thornton, born 25 September 1891 at Providence, daughter of Leland Anderson and Edna Louise (Allen) Thornton, and a direct descendant of a Revolutionary War soldier by the name Thornton.

Res: (1954) 247 Standish Rd., Ridgewood, N.J.

Children:

F6-18 i. Thornton Duane, b. 15 Aug. 1915
ii. Constance Marilyn, b. 28 Aug. 1918 at Palmer, Mass. d. 4 August 1927 at Englewood, N.J.
F6-19 iii. Leland Edward, b. 15 Dec. 1921
F6-20 iv. Allen Greene, b. 30 July 1927

5-13 MARY LOUISE STRECKER[5] (Clarence[4], Edward[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of Clarence and Sibyle Edna (Shepard) Strecker, born 28 June 1908 at Greenfield, Mass.

Attended Lesley School in Cambridge, Mass. where she studied Social Work, and for many years has been Superintendant of Everett House, located at Dorchester, Mass.

On 16 July 1949 at Plymouth, Mass., she married William Julius Champion as his second wife, born 15 June 1880 at Trinidad, Colorado, son of

William Julius and Elvira Helen (Gammons) Champion. Before retirement he was a Research Specialist, is a Republican and a Quaker. He was married (1) on 15 June 1908 to Alice V. Brown, b. 22 August 1890 at Simsbury, Conn., died September 1930 at Newton, Mass. daughter of George D. and Viola (Muncell) Brown. By this first marriage he had the following children:

1. Alice Reed, b. 1 Dec. 1910, Auburndale, Mass. m. 1929 Richard Crosscupp
2. William Julius Jr., b. 5 Oct. 1912, Auburndale, Mass. m. 1934 Mary S. Cunningham
3. H. Sewall, b. 17 Nov. 1914, Auburndale, Mass. m. 1936 Hope Cooper
4. Roy D., b. 16 June 1918, Auburndale, Mass. m. 1938 Virginia Cooper

Res: (1955) 232 Centre St., Dorchester, Mass.

No Children

5-19 CLARENCE SHEPARD STRECKER[5] (Clarence[4], Edward[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Clarence and Sibyle Edna (Shepard) Strecker, born 2 September 1912 at Greenfield, Mass.

He is a graduate of Northeastern University and Western Massachusetts School of Pharmacy, and is now a Pharmacist in the Fiske and Strecker Drug Store. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, The Greenfield Club, Elks Club and the Masonic Lodge. He is active in Civic work such as Community Chest, Red Cross, Chamber of Commerce, Trustee of the Franklin Savings Institute., Salvation Army and the Franklin County Health Association. He is a member of the St. James Episcopal Church and a Republican.

On 3 April 1941 at Greenfield, Mass. he married Hortense Harriet Cleveland, born 24 June 1917 at Granby, Mass., daughter of Howard Albert

and Hattie Adela (Parker) Cleveland. She is active on the Board of Organized Work of Franklin County Hospital, Greenfield Women's Club, and is Associate Director of the Girls Club.

Res: (1955) 740 Bernardston Rd., Greenfield, Mass.

Children:
(born in Greenfield, Mass.)

i. Linda Louise, b. 9 Sept. 1942
ii. Margaret Ellen, b. 21 June 1945

5-20 HENRY-CHARLES STRECKER[5] (Clarence[4], Edward[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Clarence and Sibyle Edna (Shepard) Strecker, born 26 October, 1921 at Greenfield, Mass.

He obtained his B.S. degree in Food Technology from Massachusetts Institute of Technology Cum Laude, is a member of the American Chemical Society, and the Institute of Food Technology, is presently employed as a Food Chemist for the Beech-Nut Packing Co., San Jose, Calif. He served his country during World War II as Captain in the Chemical Warfare Service, and was stationed at Oahu and Kandi in the Hawaiian Islands plus numerous places in the United States.

On 3 August 1946 he married Georgia Ruth Hicks at Riverside, Calif., daughter of Ira Millard and Maudie (Shreck) Hicks, born 9 September 1921 at Riverside, Calif. She attended Jr. College of the University of Calif. at Santa Barbara, obtained a B.A. degree in Education at Claremont College and has done graduate work in art.

Res: (1954) 1154 Crescent Dr., San Jose 25, Calif.

Children:

i. Richard Henry, b. 14 Dec. 1951

5-21 LYDIE GOBIET STRECKER[5] (Frederick William[4], Edward[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of Frederick William and Lydie Julienne (Bernard) Strecker, born 6 August 1910 at Greenfield, Mass.

She was educated in the Greenfield public schools and took her higher education at the School of Practical Arts and Crafts, at Boston, Mass. She is presently employed as a Commercial Artist at the Connecticut Valley Lithograph Co. in Holyoke Mass. Unmarried.

Res: (1954) 135 Chestnut St., Holyoke, Mass.

5-22 MARGARET HELOISE STRECKER[5] (Frederick William[4], Edward[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of Frederick William and Lydie Julienne (Bernard) Strecker, born 28 February 1922 at Greenfield, Mass.

She attended Northfield Seminary at South Portland, Maine and served in Army Intelligence during World War II at Fort Adams, Newport, R.I. and at Marsh Field, Riverside, Calif. Is a member of the Braille Club.

On 15 May 1944 at Pasadena, Calif. she married (1) Loren Kinney born in March 1924, Pueblo, Colorado, son of Matthew and Maryballe (Thomas) Kinney. He served his country as a Lt. Colonel, U.S. Air Force Fighter Pilot.

On 2 May 1946 at Yuma, Arizona she married (2) Donald Gerhart, born 17 April 1922 at Tucson, Arizona, son of Maurice and Lillian R. (Wachter) Gerhart. He attended the University of Arizona and had 3½ years service in the U.S. Navy as 3c Petty Officer, P.T. Boats. He is a member of the American Legion, the Roadrunners and Town Cats, and is presently employed as a White King Salesman.

Res: (1954) 2931 N. Estrella, Tucson, Ariz.

Children: (surname-GERHART)

i. Georgia Ann, b. 17 May 1947, Greenfield, Mass.
ii. Gregory Allen, b. 30 Oct. 1949, Tucson, Ariz.
iii. Gretchen, b. 18 Nov. 1951, Phoenix, Ariz.
iv. Gayle, b. 9 Feb. 1953, Phoenix, Ariz.

5-23 EDWARD WHITMAN STRECKER[5] (Arthur[4], Edward[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Arthur and Fanny Belle (Miller) Strecker, born 21 May 1908 at Greenfield, Mass.

Obtained his B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering in 1931 from the University of Maine. At present is employed as Chief Chemist of Esloeck Manufacturing Co., Turners Falls, Mass. He is a member of Republican Lodge A.F. & A.M., Greenfield, of Gamma Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, the Greenfield Club, and the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry (T.A.P.P.I.). He is an active member of the St. James Episcopal Church, serving as Treasurer from 1940-50 and is now Key Man. Is a member of the Greenfield School Committee 1941-47, Chairman, 1946-7, an active member of the Republican Committee of Greenfield, Chairman 1938-44 and 1949-52, and Incorporator of Franklin County Public Hospital.

On 14 October 1939 at Greenfield, Mass., he married Dorothy Lillian Koehler, born 4 April 1916 at New Haven, Conn., daughter of Oscar Ernest and Isabel Lillian (Dilg) Koehler. She is a graduate of the University of Mass. (1939), a member of the Greenfield Woman's Club, their treasurer 1948-1953, President of the Girls Guild, 1948-9. President of the Women's Auxiliary 1950-1, St. James Episcopal Church, Conductress of Arcana Chapter, Order of the

Eastern Star (1954), member of Franklin County Hospital Board of Organized Work, and is active in 4-H work under Franklin County Extension Service.

Res: (1954) 104 Silver St., Greenfield, Mass.

Children:

1. Richard Whitman, b. 2 Aug. 1943, Greenfield, Mass.

5-24 FRANCES MILLER STRECKER[5] (Arthur[4], Edward[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of Arthur and Fanny Belle (Miller) Strecker, born 3 May 1915 at Greenfield, Mass.

She is active in the St. James Episcopal Church and Parent Teachers Association work. A member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (#297113) Dorothy Quincy Hancock Chapter, Greenfield, Mass., descended from Hezekiah Smith (b. 1726 in Woodstock, Conn. d. 19 Aug. 1800) who fought in the Revolutionary War.

On 3 October 1941 at Greenfield, Mass., she married Albert Edward Jenest born 6 December 1913 at Franklin, Mass., son of Peter and Annabelle (Homer) Jenest. He was drafted into the U.S. Army on the 26 March 1942. The following newspaper article appeared in the Springfield, Mass. paper 22 November 1944 which tells some of his army experiences:

LT. JENEST DESCRIBES YANKEE TANK DRIVE THRU FRANCE

Greenfield Officer Has Many Narrow Escapes; Sees Buzz Bombs in London.

Greenfield, Nov. 22: — Lt. Albert E. Jenest is home on a three week leave after suffering wounds in France, and the commanding officer of an armored tank company in Gen. Patton's army admitted today

he found at least one German gunner considerate.

The Hitlerite was "decent" enough to wait until Lt. Jenest climbed out of his tank to reconnoiter the area near Mezidon in France before he fired an armor piercing shell which tore through the turret of Lt. Jenest's tank, although he waited until the Greenfield officer had landed on the ground aside of the tank. Had the Nazi pulled the lanyard one second sooner, Lt. Jenest would not be here to tell the tale.

As it was the terrific impact of the shell, which did not explode at the time, resulted in a severe concussion to the officer, and he confessed he failed to get over the "shakes" until he had spent two months in an English hospital.

Prior to that experience Lt. Jenest received shrapnel wounds in his hands, had his forehead creased by a sniper's bullet as he led his tank company around the hedgerows of Normandy, and his leather jacket shows a series of sears where a machine gunner did his best to direct his aim at the officers body rather than spoil the appearance of the blouse.

But all of these were mere incidents compared with the thrilling trips Lt. Jenest made with his big boss, Gen. Patton, in the remarkable "tour" of France once the armored columns really started to roam throughout the country after Normandy was won and Cherbourg conquered.

Describing Patton as the "fightingest general and leader" he ever saw or read about, the Greenfield officer said it was an honor to be a tank commander under "Old Blood and Guts". He described the general as fearless, courageous and daring, a leader who decided the victory was worth the cost

and he never ordered a man to go where he himself would not venture.

Scheduled to land on the beachhead on D-Day, Lt. Jenest said it was five days later when it was decided the time for the tank battalions had arrived. All previous efforts to land them before had been futile because of the direct and accurate firing of German artillery from strategic and well-secreted emplacements on the channel cliffs. The heavy seas, when the weather failed to comply with the prognostications, added to the impractibility of bringing M-6 tanks into play, but once they were on land they more than lived up to their promise.

Lt. Jenest described German prisoners as ranging in age from 15 years-old boys to middle-aged men, although the officers were as a rule in their early thirties. Most appeared haughty and overconfident, and seemed certain of eventual rescue when the tide of victory, promised them many times during their retreat, should arrive.

Lt. Jenest described the robot bombing of London as "terrific", explaining most Americans now realize for the first time how extensive the damage has been. He was out during two attacks, one of which fortunately, caused little damage since the "buzz" landed squarely between three pairs of railroad tracks below the station where he was.

Lt. Jenest attained his first lieutenant's bars the hard way, entering service via the draft, applying for officer's school, and showing by his progress in the school he was of officer material. His promotion from second lieutenant came before he left for France last year, and when asked why he did not get his captaincy after taking over the command of a tank company, replied, "We were too

busy fighting to bother with promotions". Unquote

Lt. Jenest was honorably discharged from active duty 15 January 1946 and received his discharge from the Reserve Corps on 17 November 1952.

Res: (1954) 210 Elm St., Greenfield, Mass.

Children: (surname-JENEST)
(born in Greenfield, Mass.)

i. Edward Strecker, b. 23 Aug. 1943
ii. John Proctor, b. 6 Sept. 1945
iii. Alan Whitman, b. 19 March 1947
iv. Douglas Miller, b. 20 May 1950

5-25 RUTH ISABEL ASHLEY[5] (Josephine Caroline Strecker[4], Edward[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of Sanford Harris and Josephine Caroline (Strecker) Ashley, born 20 December 1911 at Grand Forks, N.D.

Obtained her B.A. degree in 1932 from the University of North Dakota with a major in Chemistry and minors in Physics and Mathematics, did graduate work towards a Masters Degree, completed an X-Ray Technician course at Minneapolis General Hospital, and prior to her marriage was employed as X-Ray Technician at Woodlawn Hospital, Chicago, and Evanston Hospital, Evanston, Ill. Is a member of the Oakton Community Church, Evanston, Ill. and in 1955 was President of the Ladies Auxiliary.

On 1 April 1939 at Evanston, Ill. she married John Kenneth Sokol, M.D. born 25 June 1911 at Spencer Iowa, son of Dr. John Morrison and Winafred (Dando) Sokol. In 1933 he obtained his B.A. degree from Carleton College, Northfield, Minn., in 1937 his M.D. from Rush Medical School, Chicago, interned at Washington Boulevard Hospital, Chicago, and at present is attending Urologist, Wesley Memorial Hospital and

Chicago Associate, Department of Urology, Northwestern University Medical School. He is a member of Phi Beta Pi, Medical Fraternity, was active in sports while in school being Student Athletic Manager at Carlton College.

Dr. Sokol entered the United States Airforce in 1942 as First Lieutenant and was promoted to the rank of Major. He was stationed at Amarillo Field, Will Rogers Field, Camp McCoy and served in the Pacific Theatre of World War II. Is active both in civic and church affairs being a member of the Board of Trustees of the Oakton Community Church in Evanston, and a professor at the Evanston YMCA.

Res: (1954) 2604 Simpson St., Evanston, Ill.

Children: (surname-SOKOL)
(born at Chicago, Ill.)

i. Jane Ashley, b. 1 May 1948 (adopted)
ii. Richard Sanford, 18 October 1951 (adopted)

5-26 ESTHER MAY ASHLEY[5] (Josephine Caroline Strecker[4], Edward[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of Sanford Harris and Josephine Caroline (Strecker) Ashley, born 26 April 1914 at Grand Forks, N.Dak.

Attended the University of North Dakota and University of Minnesota in the school of Architectural Engineering. Was employed by Sears, Roebuck Inc. in Minneapolis, Minn. as a Personalized Correspondent, and in 1936 moved to Chicago, Ill. where she was employed for 15 years at the Western Electric Co., Inc. as Assistant Wage Practices Engineer doing Hourly Job Evaluation work. She is active in the Presbyterian Church of Rogers, Ark where at the time of this writing she sings in the senior choir, is junior choir director and program leader in the sunday school department, and is the

Secretary of the Women's Association; is Past President of the Prairie Creek Home Demonstration Club; is now program chairman as well as County Legislation Leader of Benton County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs; active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (#395322)(joined George Rogers Clark Chapt. Oak Park, Ill., transferred to Marian Chapt. Fayetteville, Ark. in 1952) as a direct descendant of Enoch Ashley who served with Captain Zebadiah Dewey's Company, Warren's (15) Regiment, Vermont Militia during the Revolutionary War.

She is the author of this genealogy and at present, together with her husband, is compiling genealogies covering the descendants of "Joseph Ashley of Rochester, Mass." and "Matouse Spousta" and "Frank Cipra" both of Czechoslovakia.

On 6 May 1939 at Valparaiso, Indiana she married Winslow Clement Spousta as his second wife, born 23 November 1894 at Ellsworth County, Kansas son of Leopold and Marie Anna (Cipra) Spousta. In 1913 he graduated from Kansas Wesleyan College in Business Adminstration and Engineering. He served with the U.S. Ordinance Department as Inspector of Ordinance Materials from 1918 to 1920 and was a charter member of the 33rd Division Air Squadron, Illinois National Guard, organized directly after World War I, rank Staff Seargant. He is a member of Damascus Lodge #888 A.F. & A.M., Chicago, Ill., Life Member in the Telephone Pioneers of America Hawthorne Chapter, Trustee of the Presbyterian Church of Rogers, Arkansas, and author of technical articles covering bridge cranes and handling equipment. He is a Mechanical Engineer specializing in material handling and in 1951 retired from the Western Electric Co., Inc. after 31 years service in this capacity.

He was married first on 23 June 1915 to Emma May Slechta, daughter of Vaclav and Marie (Harbacek) Slechta, born 28 March 1896 in Ellsworth County, Kansas. Divorced. Children by his first marriage were Winslow Clement Jr. b. 23 June 1918 and Shirley Delphine, b. 15 May 1930.

Res: (1955) RFD #5, Box 44, Rogers, Arkansas

No Children

5-27 JOHN DAVID LITTLEFIELD[5] (Elizabeth Florence Strecker[4], Edward[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) adopted son of Francis Grover and Elizabeth Florence (Strecker) Littlefield born 24 March 1923 at San Francisco, Calif.

He was inducted into military service on 23 November 1948 at San Francisco, trained at Fort Ord and Camp Stoneman, Calif. Departed for overseas service 10 June 1949, served in Japan, returned to the United States 14 December 1949 and was honorably discharged from active duty 20 December 1949. On 21 December 1949 enlisted in Enlisted Reserve Corps, performed active duty and died on 4 February 1951 of gun shot wound while serving with Area Service Unit, Replacement Center Detachment, Station Complement, Camp Stoneman, Calif. He is buried in the Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno California. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Army of Occupation Medal with Japan Clasp, and the National Defense Service Medal. (Service No. ER 56 000 108)

He was never married.

5-28 JANE ELIZABETH MALLY[5] (Clarence Bernard Mally[4], Wilhelmine Strecker[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of Clarence Bernard and Blanche Jane (Morton) Mally, born 12 October 1923 at Oakland, California.

She is a protestant and a supporter of the Democratic party. On 28 December 1940 at Reno, Nevada, she married Clifford Eloyd Paulo, born 5 February 1919 at Pleasanton, Calif., son of Manual and Angie (Nevis) Paulo. He served with the U.S. Marine Corps from June 1944 to February 1946, was in the invasion of Okinowa and the occupation of China. He was awarded the Purple Heart and the Presidential Unit Citation. His present occupation is that of Tool and Die Maker.

Res: (1954) 106 Russell Court, Castra Valley, Cal.

Children: (surname-PAULO)

i. Gregory Allen, b. 17 Sept. 1941, Hayward, Cal.
ii. David Paul, b. 22 Oct. 1942, Livermore, Cal.
iii. Robin Lee, b. 4 May 1946, Hayward, Cal.

5-29 WERNER KRETSCHMER[5] (Elise Otterbein[4], Elise Strecker[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Erich and Elise (Otterbein) Kretschmer, born 29 December 1919 at Frankfurt on Main, Germany.

He was a Clerk (Machine-Fabric) and a member of the Evangelical Luthern Church. He was killed during World War II on 23 July 1943 at Arbusono, Russia, and is buried in the Soldiers Cemetery, Gory, Russia. Unmarried.

5-30 MARGOT KRETSCHMER[5] (Elise Otterbein[4], Elise Strecker[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of Erich and Elise (Otterbein) Kretschmer born 4 January 1921 at Frankfurt on Main, Germany.

On 12 December 1942 at Kalisch, Poland she married Otto Runzer born 12 September 1905, at Czernowitz, Rumania. In 1947 he was released from a Russian prison camp having been captured during World War II. Prior to his death, on 21 April 1952, he was employed as cashier of the PX, Rhein Main Air Base. He was killed in an automobile accident at Frankfurt on the Main, Germany, and is buried at the Neu-Isenburg Cemetery, Neu-Isenburg, Hessen, Germany.

Res: (1954) Neu-Isenburg, Hessen, Germany

Children: (surname-RUNZER)

i. Hans Joachim, b. 23 May 1943) both born at
ii. Heide Hedda, b. 10 Dec. 1944) Kalisch, Poland

5-31 ELLEN KRETSCHMER[5] (Elise Otterbein[4], Elise Strecker[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of Erich and Elise (Otterbein) Kretschmer, born 26 August 1934 at Wolfach, Baden, Germany.

She obtained her higher education at Aufbauschule, Zwingenberg an der Bergstrasse, and is presently employed as Clerk-Typist in the Telegraph Office in Frankfurt, Germany, operating teletype machines receiving messages from local and foreign countries. She was confirmed in the Evangelical Luthern Church on Palm Sunday 1949. Unmarried.

Res: (1954) Frankfurt on Main, ~~Bonames~~
Seulbergerstr. 8, U.S. Zone Germany

5-32 HORST KRETSCHMER[5] (Elise Otterbein[4], Elise Strecker[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Erich and Elise (Otterbein) Kretschmer, born 6 July 1936 at Wolfach, Baden, Germany.

He attended public schools in Alsfeld, Germany and in April 1954 he completed a three

year apprenticeship in farming. For the past year he has been employed on the Bally Farms near Lucern, Switzerland. In the spring of 1955 he returned to Frankfurt on the Main, and is employed by the "Militar-Flughafen, Rhein-Main". He has applied for a visa to come to the United States where he intends to follow the farming profession in this country. Unmarried.

Res: (1955) Frankfurta/Main, Bonames
Seulbergerstr.8, U.S. Zone
Germany

6-2 BETTY JEANNE STRECKER[6] (Frank Ernst Burley[5], George Dietrich[4], Balthasar Ernst[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of Frank Ernst Burley and Elizabeth (Scherer) Strecker, born 11 September 1924 at Chicago, Illinois.

On 19 September 1942 at Chicago, Ill., she married George Louis Schmalbeck Jr., born 4 November 1922 at Chicago, Ill, son of George Louis and Clara (Kohl) Schmalbeck. He served three years in the U.S. Army during World War II from 1942 to 1945. His present occupation is that of Aeronautical Engineer.

Res: (1954)

Children: (surname-SCHMALBECK)

i. Kenneth George, b. 21 Aug. 1944
ii. Richard Louis, b. 31 Dec. 1948
iii. Nancy Jeanne, b. 30 April 1952

6-3 FRANK ERNST BURLEY STRECKER JR.[6] (Frank Ernst Burley[5], George Dietrich[4], Balthasar Ernst[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Frank Ernst Burley and Elizabeth (Scherer) Strecker, born 22 November 1926 at Chicago, Illinois.

He served with the U.S. Navy in World War II from 1944 to 1949. He is presently employed as an Arms Statistician.

In 1952 at Chicago, Ill. he married Lorraine Solgas, born 3 October 1932.

Res: (1954) 4133 N. Hamlin Ave., Chicago, Ill.

No Children

6-4 DORIS LOUISE STRECKER[6] (Frank Ernst Burley[5], George Dietrich[4], Balthasar Ernst[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of Frank Ernst Burley and Elizabeth (Scherer) Strecker, born 3 April 1930, Chicago, Ill.

On 21 January 1950 at Chicago, Ill. she married James Raymond Bradley, born 11 July 1929 at Chicago son of Raymond and Adelaid (Lawson) Bradley. Presently employed as Supervisor for the Merchants Motor Freight Company in Chicago.

Res: (1954) 2823 N. Leavit St., Chicago, Ill.

Children: (surname-BRADLEY)

i. April Sue, b. 1 January 1951
ii. Debra Kim, b. 10 August 1954

6-9 WILLIAM MERRITT WATKINS[6] (Walter Merritt Watkins[5], Clara Strecker[4], Balthasar Ernst[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Walter Merritt and Marion (Shields) Watkins Jr., born 25 January 1937.

He graduated from Oak Park-River Forest High School in 1954, was a four year honor student, editor of the school paper, member of the debating and mathematics clubs, and was chosen from among his classmates to represent his school at the Illinois State Conservation Camp. He was awarded a $2500.00 scholarship and has enrolled in the pre-law course at Columbia University where he has also received a national scholarship. His pleasing personality and exceptional abilities have resulted in his being elected the Secretary-Treasurer of the Freshman Class at Columbia University. Unmarried.

Res: 924 Ontario St., Oak Park, Ill.

6-10 ROBERT ALLEN[6] (Gertrude Watkins[5], Clara Strecker[4], Balthasar Ernst[3], Georg Dietrich[2] Johann Konrad[1]) son of Earl and Gertrude (Watkins) Allen born on 4 October 1924 at Chicago, Illinois.

Present occupation is that of Printer.

On 26 June 1943 at Oak Park, Ill., he married Eleanor Peak, born 20 January 1920, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, daughter of Frank A. and Anna (Baldi) Peak.

Res: (1955) 4044 W. School St., Chicago, Ill.

Children: (surname-ALLEN)

i. Michael Robert, b. 7 November 1954, Chicago, Ill.

6-11 ELIZABETH LYNETTE STRICKER[6] (Ada Watkins[5], Clara Strecker[4], Balthasar Ernst[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of Louis and Ada (Watkins) Stricker, born 4 August 1924.

On 5 February 1942 at Villa Park, Illinois she married Norman Haas, born 15 June 1922, at Villa Park, Illinois, son of Reinert and Viola (Mogey) Haas. He is employed in the Engineering Department of the Public Service Co. of Northern Illinois.

Res: (1954) 126 W. Division St., Villa Park, Ill.

Children: (surname-HAAS)

i. Virginia Lynn, b. 5 Aug. 1942, Oak Park, Ill.
ii. James Leslie, b. 28 May 1945, Melrose Park, Ill.

6-17 RUTH MARSHALL STRECKER[6] (Werner Campbell[5], Lorenzo[4], Werner[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) daughter of Col. Werner Campbell and Charlotte Aldrich (Marshall) Strecker born 26 February 1921 at Bridgeport, Connecticut.

She attended Central Business Institute located at Syracuse, N.Y., and Albany Business College, at Albany, N.Y. In 1950 she was employed in the Department of Defense, Washington, D.C.

On 12 April 1944 at Kansas City, Missouri, she married (1) Forest Glenn Rowland, born 15 July 1906 at Orrick, Missouri, son of Samuel and Louetta (Clark) Rowland and was divorced 28 August 1947.

She married (2) on 6 September 1952 at Alexandria, Virginia, Richard Wells Montgomery Jr., born 21 August 1924 at Spokane, Washington, son of Richard Wells and Melva (Griffiths) Montgomery.

Richard W. Montgomery Jr. served his country for 2½ years during World War II as PFC Inf. Aus., Co. A, 399th Infantry Regiment; participated in battle in the Rhineland, Central Europe, and received the following decorations: Good Conduct Medal, Bronze Star, European African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, Distinguished Unit Badge, and World War II Victory Ribbon.

Children:

(surname-ROWLAND)

i. Michael William, b. 13 Feb. 1945, Orrick, Mo.

(surname-MONTGOMERY)

ii. Ruth Ann, b. 12 August 1953, Washington, D.C.

6-18 THORNTON DUANE STRECKER[6] (Ralph Duane[5], Edward[4], Werner[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Ralph Duane and Ethel Allen (Thornton) Strecker born 15 August 1915 at Troy, New York.

He served in the 490th Armored Field Artillery, 11th Armored Division of the U.S. Army, World War II, saw action in Belgium, Luxenborg and France, and was discharged in November 1945 with the rank of Sergeant. He is a Baptist, a Republican and is presently employed as a Banker in New York City.

On 8 September 1942 in Hackensack, New Jersey, he married Margaret Lillian Hohensee, born 8 September 1916 at Tarrytown, New York, daughter of Karl E. and Frances Lillian (Goodwin) Hohensee.

Res: (1954) 993 Soldier Hill Rd., Oradel, New Jersey

Children:
(born at Englewood, N.J.)

i. Thornton Duane Jr., b. 4 April 1947
ii. Barbara Elise, b. 21 October 1949

6-19 LELAND EDWARD STRECKER[6] (Ralph Duane[5], Edward[4] Werner[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Ralph Duane and Ethel Allen (Thornton) Strecker born 15 December 1921 at Troy, New York.

He entered military service on 29 May 1942 at Fort Dix, New Jersey, was commissioned 27 June 1945 in U.S. Air Force as a pilot, promoted to First Lieutenant 12 February 1947, to Captain 1 June 1952. He served overseas in Korea and in Japan from September 1946 to July 1949 ($1\frac{1}{2}$ years in U.S. Military Government of Korea and the balance of time in 475th Fighter Group and the 8th Fighter Group). From December 1949 to January

1954 served as pilot instructor (flying) and is at present stationed at Sedalia Air Force Base, at Sedalia, Missouri, assigned to the 488th Bomb Squadron.

On 3 March 1944 at Hobbs, New Mexico he married Wilma Inez Shivers, born 15 August 1924 at Justin, Texas, daughter of Thomas C. and Dolly Lenora (Ussery) Shivers.

Res: (1954) 1111 State Fair Blvd., Sedalia, Mo.

Children:

i. Dessa Lee, b. 29 May 1945, Englewood, N.J.
ii. Dana Sue, b. 14 June 1946, Urbana, Ill.

6-20 ALLEN GREENE STRECKER[6] (Ralph Duane[5], Edward[4], Werner[3], Georg Dietrich[2], Johann Konrad[1]) son of Ralph Duane and Ethel Allen (Thornton) Strecker born 30 July 1927 at Englewood, New Jersey.

He obtained his B.S. degree in Agriculture at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J. in 1952 and his M.S. degree in Animal Husbandry in 1954.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy on 6 July 1945 and was discharged 14 January 1948, having served as Aviation Machinists Mate (Flight Engineer) and is now in the Naval Reserve.

APPENDIX

Other Strecker Families in America

In the search for data on the descendants of Johann Konrad Strecker, the writer has discovered several families by the name Strecker living in the United States, which at the time of this writing, do not appear to be related to our ancestor. They are being recorded in this genealogy for a two-fold purpose; to avoid their being lost, and as a clue to others of the name who may wish to trace their own pedigree. It is interesting to note that all of the following families are of German descent and it is not at all improbable that many generations back one might find a common ancestor.

ALBERT STRECKER AND FAMILY

(Source: Miss Sherry Flo Strecker, Pittsburg, Kans.)

1-1 ALBERT STRECKER[1] was born in Wurttemberg, Germany probably during the 1790's. It is said that he fought against Napolean in the battle of Waterloo in 1815 which would mean he came to America sometime following that. The first known record of the family is at Wolcottville, Indiana where his son Simon was b born in 1830, and where Albert was a farmer. He was married to Lavina (Lovina) Putt also believed to have been born in Germany. Both Albert and his wife died prior to 1866 and are buried in the Uniontown, Ohio cemetery.

Children:

2-1 i. Simon, b. 10 March 1830
2-2 ii. Lavina
iii. Franklin
2-3 iv. Daniel Putt, b. 22 Feb. 1837
v. Lewis, b. _____ m. Mollie _____
vi. John, b. _____ m. Priscilla _____ d. at Milheim, Ohio
vii. Elizabeth, b. ____ m. Thomas Dixon, d. at Mineral Ridge, Ohio in 1920-22
viii. Solomon, b. ____ d. probably at Cedar Springs, Mich.
ix. Betsey, b. _____ m. Daniel Welsh

Second Generation

2-1 SIMON STRECKER[2] (Albert Strecker[1]) son of Albert and Lavina (Putt) Strecker, born 10 March 1830 at Wolcottville, Indiana, died 19 March 1888 at Krumroy Ohio, where he is buried.

He was a farmer and dairyman, and probably a Methodist. About 1854 he married Mary (Polly) Paulus, born 2 March 1822 at Suffield Township, Portage County, Ohio, died 2 January 1898 at Krumroy, Ohio where she is buried, daughter of David and Catherine (____) Paulus.

Children:

i. David Albert (twin) b. 21 May 1855 d. same day at Wolcottville, Ind.
ii. Catharine Lavine, (twin) b. 21 May 1855 d. 3 June 1855
3-1 iii. Franklin Paulus (twin) b. 4 May 1857
iv. Frances (twin) b. 4 May 1857 at Wolcottville, Ind. d. 29 March 1926 at Krumroy, O. m. about 1882 to John Brown

2-2 LAVINA STRECKER[2] (Albert Strecker[1]) daughter of Albert and Lavina (Putt) Strecker, born _____, and died 22 December 1884 at Otsego, Michigan. On 31 March 1864 she married Urias B. Myers.

Children: (surname-MYERS)

i. Ginevra, b. 27 Jan. 1865, d. 10 May 1892
ii. Laura, b. 3 Mar. 1868, d. 1 Oct. 1886
iii. Milton, b. 27 Nov. 1869
iv. Homer, b. 31 Aug. 1871, d. 6 Jan. 1953
v. Hallie, b. ___ m. Cornelius Henry Spriggel and lives in Talmadge, Ohio
vi. Horatio Seymour, b. 1866, m. 1892 to Sadie R. Green

2-3 DANIEL PUTT STRECKER[2] (Albert Strecker[1]) son of Al- Albert and Lavina (Putt) Strecker, born 22 February 1857 at Tuscarawas County, Ohio, died 25 February 1911 at Arcadia, Kansas and is buried in the Old Arcadia Cemetery there. He was a Carpenter and a farmer, a Democrat and a Methodist. He lived in Noble County, Indiana until 1870, then moved to Ft. Scott, Kansas and later to Arcadia where he died.

On 11 February 1864 at LaGrange, Indiana he married Amanda A. Newman, born 8 February 1842 at Uniontown, Ohio, died 12 April 1914 at Arcadia and is buried in Old Arcadia Cemetery. It is believed that her father's name was Benjamin Miller and her mother was _____ Newman. After her parents separated she and her brother Ed were raised by their grandmoth er and used the name Newman.

Children:

i. Minnie Almeda, b. 1 Dec. 1865 Noble Co., Ind., d. 18 Sept. 1947 at Arcadia, Kans. m. Charles Carson from whom she was divorced.

ii. Carrie Della, b. 21 Aug. 1867, Noble Co., Ind. d. 17 Oct. 1872 at Arcadia, Kans.

3-2 iii. Flora Augusta, b. 11 Sept. 1869

iv. LeRoy Benjamin, b. 4 July 1871, Arcadia, Kans d. 19 May 1891 at Newhall, Calif.

3-3 v. Milo Putt, b. 11 June 1874

3-4 vi. William Henry, b. 8 Jan. 1876

vii. Bessie, b. 28 Dec. 1878, d. 20 June 1880

3-5 viii. Harvey Melville, b. 22 June 1881

Third Generation

3-1 FRANKLIN PAULUS STRECKER[3] (Simon Strecker[2], Albert[1]) son of Simon and Mary (Paulus) Strecker, born 4 May 1857 at Wolcottville, Indiana and died 18 September 1923 at Akron, Ohio. He was a farmer and dairyman, living first in Krumroy, Ohio and later Akron, and was a member of the Methodist Church.

About 1884 he married Barbara Thomas, born 12 February 1861 at Cardiff, Wales, and died 6 March 1936 at Akron, Ohio.

Children:

i. Charles Henry, b. 12 Feb. 1885 at Krumroy, Ohio, d. 24 July 1896 Krumroy, Ohio

ii. Mary Elizabeth, b. 11 June 1887, at Krumroy, O. m. 9 Sept. 1903 to Curtiss Lloyd Kepler

4-1 iii. Ada Philora, b. 12 Jan. 1890

iv. Margaret Ruth, b. 12 April 1891 at Krumroy, O., d. Dec. 1918-19, m. about 1915 Floyd Mahl

v. Emma Ethel, b. 18 Aug. 1895 at Krumroy, O. m. (1) 1 Jan. 1913 Harold Harmon Underwood m. (2) 13 Oct. 1939 George M. Long

vi. Frank Louis, b. 4 Feb. 1898 at Krumroy, O. d. 27 July 1937 at Cuyahoga Falls, O., m. 21 July 1921 Clara Josephine Zuendel

3-2 FLORA AUGUSTA STRECKER[3] (Daniel Putt Strecker[2], Albert[1]) daughter of Daniel Putt and Amanda A. (Newman) Strecker, born 11 September 1869 at Noble County, Indiana, died 16 January 1938 at Tulsa, Oklahoma and is buried in the Old Arcadia Cemetery, Arcadia, Kans. About 1884-5 she married Dr. Juliua Caesar Pasley, born 1854, died 1902 at Arcadia, Kans. where he is buried. They were Methodists.

Children: (surname PASLEY)

i. Hurd, b. 19 Nov. 1886 at Arcadia, Kans. m. Horace Greeley Cohn (Res: 246 W 13th Tulsa, Ok.)

ii. Fern, b. 3 April 1890 at Arcadia, Kans. (Res: 246 W. 13th, Tulsa, Oklahoma)

iii. Julius Caesar Jr. b. 21 Feb. 1895 at Arcadia Kans., m. Mildred ____ (Res; Tulsa, Okla.)

iv. Ardath Rae, b. 8 August 1898 at Arcadia, Kans., d. August 1912, at Fort Scott, Kans.

3-3 MILO PUTT STRECKER[3] (Daniel Putt Strecker[2], Albert[1]) son of Daniel Putt and Amanda A. (Newman) Strecker, born 11 June 1874 at Arcadia, Kansas, died 17 August 1952 at Lewiston, Idaho and is buried at Orphino, Idaho. He was a Merchant and lived for many years in Idaho where he was elected to State Senator in November 1938, it is believed by the Republican party. On 15 August 1901 at Lewiston, Idaho he married Aimee Hooker, who in 1955 was living in Lewiston.

Children:

i. Weil, b. about 1903, m. Augusta Hipperda (Res: Oakland, Calif.)
ii. Brooklyn, b. about 1906, m. Linda _____ (Res: Lewiston, Idaho)

3-4 WILLIAM HENRY STRECKER[3] (Daniel Putt Strecker[2], Albert[1]) son of Daniel Putt and Amanda A. (Newman) Strecker born 8 January 1876 at Arcadia, Kansas. He was a Conductor for the Kansas City Southern Railways and lived in Kansas City for many years. He has now removed to Pittsburg, Kans. where he is retired.

He married (1) Kate Bootzer from whom he was divorced. He married (2) a widow Mrs. Marguerite (____) Jones, who had two children by her first marriage, Ray Louis Jones who m. Josephine Gerwert and lives in Long Island, N.Y. and Virginia Lee who was adopted by William H. Strecker.

Children:

i. Virginia Lee (Adopted) b. _____ m. Vernon Ledbetter and is now living in Panama, Canal Zone.

3-5 HARVEY MELVILLE STRECKER[3] (Daniel Putt Strecker[2], Albert[1]) son of Daniel Putt and Amanda A. (Newman) Strecker, born 22 June 1881 at Arcadia, Kansas. He is a Telegrapher for the Frisco Railway, is a Democrat and a member of the Christian Church. On September 28, 1904 at Amoret, Missouri, he married Catherine Pearl Tilsley, born 24 October 1882 at Springfield, Nebraska, died 7 March 1945 at Arcadia, Kans and is buried in the Old Arcadia Cemetery. She was the daughter of James Valincort and Emma Augusta (Shankland) Tilsley.

Res: (1955) Box 266, Arcadia, Kans.

Children:

i. Earlvine Harvey, b. 12 Feb. 1907 at Swarts, Mo., m. 8 July 1931 to Arla Blythe Davis. (Res: Arcadia, Ks.)

4-2 ii. Raymond Cecil, b. 6 Nov. 1908

iii. Daniel James, b. 7 Sept. 1910 at Eve, Mo., m. 22 Oct. 1945 to Velma Louise Vaughn. (Res: 2701 Grand, Parsons, Ks.)

4-3 iv. Geraldyne Fay, b. 30 May 1915

v. Milo William, b. 27 Feb. 1917, Arcadia Kans. m. 23 Feb. 1943 Marie Louise Antonelli (Res: 6507 Cottage, Huntington Park, Calif.)

4-4 vi. Leo LeRoy, b. 9 May 1919

Fourth Generation

4-1 ADA PHILORA STRECKER[4] (Franklin Paulus Strecker[3], Simon[2], Albert[1]) daughter of Franklin Paulus and Barbara (Thomas) Strecker, born 12 January 1890 at Krumroy, Ohio. She has followed the teaching profession and is a member of the Methodist Church. On 12 June 1915 at Akron, Ohio she married Roy Bryant Weimer, born 22 September 1890, who is employed as a designer by Goodyear Co.

Res: (1955) 1384 Grant, Akron 1, Ohio

Children: (surname-WEIMER)

i. Karl Josef, b. 30 April 1917 at Akron, O. m. 14 Sept. 1940 June Tillett

ii. Robert Edward, b. 22 Sept. 1918 at Cuyahoga Falls, O., m. November 1940 to Frances Lee James. (Res: Marion, Ohio)

iii. Barbara Laura, b. 15 May 1921 at Cuyahoga Falls, O., m. (1) 26 Sept. 1942 to Richard W. Brett who was killed in action Nov. 1942 m. (2) 2 June 1944 John C. Thomas (Res: Firestone Park, Akron, Ohio)

iv. Paul Eugene, b. 4 May 1923, at Pleasant Valley, O., m. May 1946 Thelma Wells

1422 RAYMOND CECIL STRECKER[4] (Harvey Melville Strecker[3], Daniel Putt[2], Albert[1]) son of Harvey Melville and Catherine Pearl (Tilsley) Strecker, born 6 November 1908 at Cleveland, Mo. He is a Machinist, a Democrat and a member of the Christian Church. On 5 July 1931 he married at Fort Scott, Kansas Emma Pearce, born 8 February 1912 at Dunkirk, Kansas, daughter of John and Arminta (Clouse) Pearce.

Res: (1955) 445 E. 24th, Pittsburg, Kans.

Children:

i. Sherry Flo, b. 29 June 1932 at Arcadia, Kans. She is responsible for the collection of all the material on Albert Strecker and his descendants. It is her earnest desire to learn more about this family and she would appreciate any information you can furnish. Her address is (1955) 445 E. 24th Pittsburg, Kansas.

4-3 GERALDYNE FAY STRECKER[4] (Harvey Melville Strecker[3], Daniel Putt[2], Albert[1]) daughter of Harvey Melville and Catherine Pearl (Tilsley) Strecker, born 30 May 1915 at Arcadia, Kansas. On 9 March 1940 at Arma, Kansas she married Emil Wilbur Brann, born 13 September 1914 at Mulberry, Kansas, son of Wilbur and Eunice (Dave) Brann. He is a Foreman with the Coca-Cola Bottling Co.

Res: (1955) 5228 E. 29th St. Kansas City 28, Mo.

Children: (surname-BRANN)

i. Edmond Dave, b. 21 July 1952, Kansas City, Mo.
ii. William Daniel, b. 22 Dec. 1953 " " "

4-4 LEO LeROY STRECKER[4] (Harvey Melville Strecker[3], Daniel Putt[2], Albert[1]) son of Harvey Melville and Catherine Pearl (Tilsley) Strecker, born 9 May 1919 at Arcadia, Kansas. He is President and owner of the Tuttle Engineering Corporation in Arcadia, Calif. On 13 June 1942 at Los Angeles Calif., he married (1) Maxine Caldwell from whom he was divorced the following year. He married (2) on 26 November 1943 at Yuma, Ariz. Helen Elizabeth Wilson, born 6 April 1925 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Res: (1955) 261 Walnut St., Arcadia, Calif.

Children:

By 1st Wife:
i. Patricia, b. 1943 in Calif.

By 2nd Wife:
ii. Gail Lee, b. 13 April 1946, Arcadia, Cal.
iii. David Lee, b. 1 July 1947, Arcadia, Cal.
iv. James LeRoy, b. 19 Jan. 1953, Arcadia, Cal.

FERDINAND STRECKER AND FAMILY

(Source: Mrs. Ruby (Boyd) Strecker, Waco, Texas)

1-1 FERDINAND STRECKER[1] came to this country prior to 1840 from Stuttgart, Wurtemberg, Germany and was married to Ann Kern of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Children:

2-1 i. John Kern, b. 26 January 1840
ii. Bertha, lived in Washington, D.C.

2-1 JOHN KERN STRECKER SR.[2] (Ferdinand Strecker[1]) son of Ferdinand and Ann (Kern) Strecker, born on the 26th of January 1840 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

He married (1) _____ by whom he is known to have had one daughter. He married (2) Felicia Agnew.

Children:

By 1st Wife:

i. Vera, b._____, married _____ Nyce and lived in Cedar Brooks, New Jersey until her death. They had at least two children.
i. Paul
ii. Helene, m. _____ Hand. She was the originator of the "Flossie Fisher Funnies" in the Ladies Home Journal.

By 2nd Wife:

3-1 ii. John Kern Jr., b. 10 July 1875

3-1 JOHN KERN STRECKER JR.[3] (John Kern Strecker[2], Ferdinand[1]) son of John Kern and Felicia (Agnew) Strecker, born 10 July 1875 at Waterloo, Ill., died 9 January 1933 at Waco, Texas and is buried in the Oakwood Cemetery there.

On 27 October 1915 at Waco, Texas he married Ruby Boyd (was baptized Mary Robert but

has always used Ruby), born 21 April 1884 at Waco, Texas, daughter of Robert and Lizzie (Ferguson) Boyd.

From Who's Who in America 1930-31:

Educated Public Schools, Honorary M.S. from Baylor Univ. Curator Museum Baylor University 1903 until death 1933. Chairman Democratic Executive Com. 10th Supreme Jud. District, Texas; Chm. McLennan County Democratic Executive Committee 7 years. Head Poultry Dept. Texas Cotton Palace Expedition 1911-1930.

Member Am. Soc. Mamalogists, Am. Cos. Ichthyologists and Herpetologists, Biol. Soc. Washington, Scientific Society, San Antonio, Texas, Folk-Lore Society (president) Texas Acadamy of Science (v.pres.) Assoc. Member American Ornithologists Union. Democrat. Mason, 32 degree Shriner, Odd Fellow, Woodmen of the World (head consul of Texas) Contributor to Auk Journal of Mammalogy, etc. Editor of Contributions from Baylor Univ. Museum and Baylor Univ. Contributions to Folk Lore. An authority on reptiles and amphibians of Texas."

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Children:

i. Robert Kern, b. 4 November 1920
d. 30 December 1920 at
Waco, Texas

JOHN STRECKER AND FAMILY

(Source: History of Ohio by Charles B. Galbreath, Am. Hist. Soc. Inc. -1925)

1-1 JOHN STRECKER SR.[1] brought his family of six children to the United States from the Province of Wurttemberg, Germany in 1846. The name of only one of the six children is known.

Children:

2-1 i. John Jr., b. 1832

2-1 JOHN STRECKER JR.[2] (John Strecker[1]) was born in Wurttemberg, Germany in 1832 and died 30 December 1890. He moved with his father and mother to America in 1846 when he was a lad of 14 years, was well educated in the German schools and after his arrival in America his insatiable thirst for knowledge led him to acquire a most liberal education through his own efforts. He homesteaded near Marietta, Ohio, and in addition to his farming he operated a glue factory. Twice he was honored with election to the Ohio Legislature, was a Republican, and was an Ohio Soldier in the Civil War. He and his family were Methodists. He was married to Fredericka Baumgartner by whom he had seven children.

Children:

i. Charles F.
ii. John, a prosperous farmer in Muskingum Township, Washington County, Ohio
3-1 iii. Benjamin F. b. 19 April 1859
iv. Caroline, a teacher of German in the Marietta High School, then asst. Principal
v. Rev. E. W., a Methodist minister
vi. Ellen M.
vii. Louis D. Pres. of Union Hardware Co., Marietta, Ohio

3-1 BENJAMIN F.[3] (John Strecker Jr.[2], John Sr.[1]) son of John and Fredericka (Baumgartner) Strecker, was born in a log cabin on the old Strecker homestead adjoining Marietta, Ohio on 19 April 1859.

He was a farm boy until the age of 18, educated in the local schools and on leaving home acquired his first commercial experience at Pittsburgh with his brother Charles in the leather goods business. Five years later in 1881 the two brothers established the firm of Strecker Brothers which became outstanding in the manufacture of harness and saddlery.

Mr. Strecker's business interests extended to other organizations and he was President of the Becker Manufacturing Co., Pres. of the Citizens National Bank, Pres. of the Industrial Realty Co., Pres. of the Stephens Organ and Piano Co., and Sec. of the C.L. Bailey Wholesale Groc. Co. and Secy. of the Union Hardware Co. He was Superintendent for 34 years of the Methodist Sunday School in Marietta, Ohio and was a member of the Executive Board of the World Sunday School Assoc. and in 1920 made a trip to the Orient to attend the World Sunday School Assoc. convention in Tokio and a similar convention at Glasgow in 1924. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of Marietta College, Pres. of the Marietta Library Assoc. and for 23 years was Pres. of the local Young Mens Christian Assoc.

He married Julia A. Wendelken and they had one daughter in whose honor was named the Marjorie L. Strecker Hospital for Children, a branch of the Bethesda Hospital in Cincinnati, to which Mr. Strecker was a generous and frequent benefactor and a member of the Board of Governors.

Children:

i. Marjorie L.

CARL LORENZ STRECKER, a direct descendant of Heinrich Strecker, was born 9 August 1869 at Dinglestaadt, Germany, died 14 December 1940 at Topeka, Kansas and is buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery there.

He was educated for several years in Preparatory School in St. Karl in Falkenberg, Holland. Upon his return home he occupied himself as a cartwright along with farming. He was in German military service from 1890-1892. In 1894 he came to Independence, Kansas, worked on the farm of his cousin Ignatius, finally settling in Topeka, Kansas in 1895 where he was empolyed continuously by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway until retirement in 1939.

A very complete history of this family is in the possession of his oldest Son, Edmund, the same referred to in Chapter I of this book.

On 10 May 1899 he married Sophia Fleisch, born 2 April 1872 at Topeka, Kansas and died 1 February 1942 at Topeka.

Children:

i. Edmund J. Strecker, b. 7 Sept. 1900
m. Aurelia L. Buss
ii. Clara Josephine, b. 30 Nov. 1902
m. L. John Senecal
iii. Aloysius W., b. 24 May 1905,
m. Agnes Elizabeth Flynn
iv. Paul Vincent b. 22 June 1908,
m. Elizabeth Dogginger
v. Frances Marie, b. 27 June 1910,
m. John Gibbons

(Informant: Edmund J. Strecker)

CHARLES BREN STRECKER (Morris Strecker) son of Morris and Anna Strecker, born 18 October 1863 at Boston, Mass. and on 16 June 1891 married Fannie Mayer. Was educated in Boston public schools. Was in the wholesale clothing business from 1883 to 1893, then became a Newspaper Publisher. He was Democratic candidate for State Auditor in 1911; delegate at large to the Baltimore Convention in 1912; elected Presidential elector from 13th Dist. in 1912; Pres. and Gen'l Mgr. Commercial Financial Press Assoc. and Commercial Financial Printing Co.; Director Federal Trust Co; Vice Pres. Albert Frank & Co.; member of Masons, Royal Arcanum, Boston City Club, Boston Press Club, New York Club, Sandy Bay Club, Chamber of Com., Noble of Mystic Shrine, United Order of Workmen, Economic Club, Elks and Elysium Clubs.
(Source: Men of Boston and New England, Pub. 1918)

EDWARD ADAM STRECKER (John Strecker) son of John and Mary (Weiler) Strecker, born 16 October 1886 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His father, known as Adam after he emigrated to the United States shortly after the Civil War, was born in Frankfurt on the Main, Germany and was a tailor by trade. His mother, also born in Germany, was of lesser nobility, being Baroness Grossherrin von Weiler. Edward Strecker married Elizabeth Kyne Walsh on January 1917. There are no children. He is a Republican and a Catholic.

From Who's Who in America 1954-1955.
"Professor Psychiatry - prep. education at St. Joseph's College, Philadelphia, Hon. ScD 1935, BA LaSalle Col., Philadelphia 1907, MA 1911, Litt D. 1938, MD Jefferson Medical Col. 1911. Resident Physician St. Agnes Hospital, Phila. 1911-15, Asst. Phys. Pa. Hosp. etc. etc,..... Written several books, member Am. Neural Assoc., Am. Psychiatric Assoc., Alpha Omega Alpha, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Alpha Kappa Kappa, Army World War I, Con. Surg. Gen Navy W.W. II etc."

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